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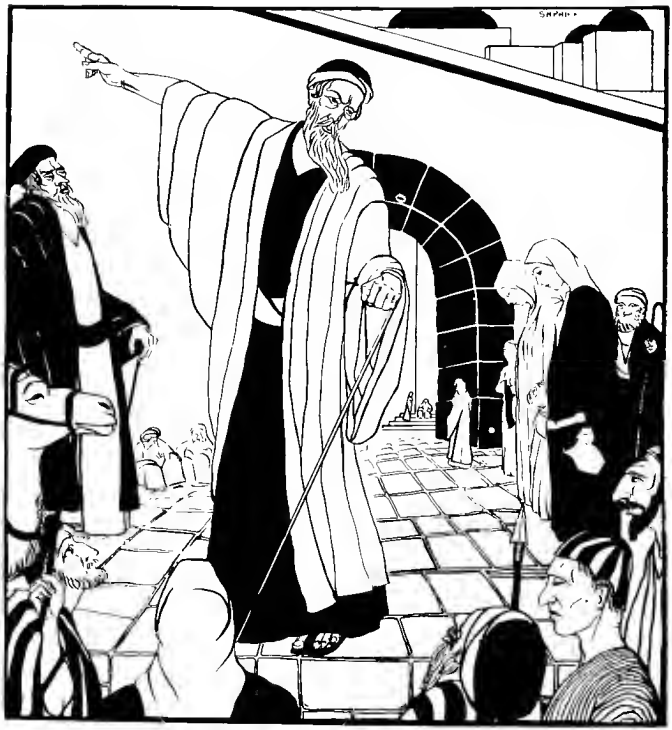

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of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land
of Benjamin: 2 to whom the word of Jehovah
came in the days of *Josiah* the son of Amon,
king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his
reign. 3 It came also in the days of Jehoi-
akim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, unto the
end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son
of Josiah, king of Judah, unto the carrying
away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.
4 Now the word of Jehovah came unto me,
saying, 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I
knew thee, and before thou camest forth out
of the womb I sanctified thee; I have ap-
pointed thee a prophet unto the nations. 6
Then said I, Ah, Lord Jehovah! behold, I
know not how to speak; for I am a child. 7
But Jehovah said unto me, Say not, I am a

child; for to whomsoever I shall send thee
thou shalt go, and whatsoever I shall command
thee thou shalt speak. 8 Be not afraid be-
cause of them; for I am with thee to deliver
thee, saith Jehovah. 9 Then Jehovah put
forth his hand, and touched my mouth; and
Jehovah said unto me, Behold, I have put my
words in thy mouth: 10 see, I have this day
set thee over the nations and over the king-
doms, to pluck up and to break down and to
destroy and to overthrow, to build and to
plant.

11 Moreover the word of Jehovah came
unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou?
And I said, I see a rod of an almond-tree.
12 Then said Jehovah unto me, Thou hast
well seen: for I watch over my word to per-
form it.

13 And the word of Jehovah came unto me
the second time, saying, What seest thou?
And I said, I see a boiling caldron; and the
face thereof is from the north. 14 Then Je-
hovah said unto me, Out of the north evil shall
break forth upon all the inhabitants of the
land. 15 For, lo, I will call all the families
of the kingdoms of the north, saith Jehovah;
and they shall come, and they shall set every
one his throne at the entrance of the gates of
Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof

round about, and against all the cities of Judah. 16 And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, in that they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. 17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at them, lest I dismay thee before them. 18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. 19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee, saith Jehovah, to deliver thee.

CHAPTER II

AND the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, 2 Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, I remember for thee the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals; how thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. 3 Israel *was* holiness unto Jehovah, the first-fruits of his increase: all that devour him shall

be held guilty; evil shall come upon them, saith Jehovah.

4 Hear ye the word of Jehovah, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel: 5 Thus saith Jehovah, What unrighteousness have your fathers found in me that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? 6 Neither said they, Where is Jehovah that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought and of the shadow of death, through a land that none passed through, and where no man dwelt? 7 And I brought you into a plentiful land, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. 8 The priests said not, Where is Jehovah? and they that handle the law knew me not: the rulers also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

9 Wherefore I will yet contend with you, saith Jehovah, and with your children's children will I contend. 10 For pass over to the isles of Kittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently; and see if there hath

been such a thing. 11 Hath a nation changed
its gods, which yet are no gods? but my peo-
ple have changed their glory for that which
doth not profit. 12 Be astonished, O ye
heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye
very desolate, saith Jehovah. 13 For my peo-
ple have committed two evils: they have for-
saken me, the fountain of living waters, and
hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that
can hold no water.

14 Is Israel a servant? is he a home-born
slave? why is he become a prey? 15 The
young lions have roared upon him, and yelled;
and they have made his land waste: his cities
are burned up, without inhabitant. 16 The
children also of Memphis and Tahpanhes
have broken the crown of thy head. 17 Hast
thou not procured this unto thyself, in that
thou hast forsaken Jehovah thy God, when he
led thee by the way? 18 And now what hast
thou to do in the way to Egypt, to drink the
waters of the Shihor? or what hast thou to do
in the way to Assyria, to drink the waters of
the River? 19 Thine own wickedness shall
correct thee, and thy backslidings shall re-
prove thee: know therefore and see that it is
an evil thing and a bitter, that thou hast for-
saken Jehovah thy God, and that my fear is
not in thee, saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts.

20 For of old time I have broken thy yoke,
and burst thy bonds; and thou saidst, I will
not serve; for upon every high hill and under
every green tree thou didst bow thyself, play-
ing the harlot. 21 Yet I had planted thee a
noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then
art thou turned into the degenerate branches
of a foreign vine unto me? 22 For though
thou wash thee with lye, and take thee much
soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me,
saith the Lord Jehovah. 23 How canst thou
say, I am not defiled, I have not gone after
the Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know
what thou hast done: *thou art* a swift drome-
dary traversing her ways; 24 a wild ass used
to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind in
her desire; in her occasion who can turn her
away? all they that seek her will not weary
themselves; in her month they shall find her.
25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and
thy throat from thirst. But thou saidst, It is
in vain; no, for I have loved strangers, and
after them will I go.

26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found,
so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their
kings, their princes, and their priests, and their
prophets; 27 who say to a stock, Thou art my
father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me
forth: for they have turned their back unto

me, and not their face; but in the time of their
trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. 28
But where are thy gods that thou hast made
thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in
the time of thy trouble: for according to the
number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.
29 Wherefore will ye contend with me? ye
all have transgressed against me, saith Je-
hovah. 30 In vain have I smitten your chil-
dren; they received no correction: your own
sword hath devoured your prophets, like a de-
stroying lion. 31 O generation, see ye the
word of Jehovah. Have I been a wilderness
unto Israel? or a land of thick darkness?
wherefore say my people, We are broken
loose; we will come no more unto thee? 32
Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride
her attire? yet my people have forgotten me
days without number. 33 How trimmest
thou thy way to seek love! therefore even the
wicked women hast thou taught thy ways. 34
Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the
souls of the innocent poor: thou didst not find
them breaking in; but it is because of all these
things. 35 Yet thou saidst, I am innocent;
surely his anger is turned away from me.
Behold, I will enter into judgment with thee,
because thou sayest, I have not sinned. 36
Why gaddest thou about so much to change

thy way? thou shalt be ashamed of Egypt also,
as thou wast ashamed of Assyria. 37 From
thence also shalt thou go forth, with thy hands
upon thy head: for Jehovah hath rejected
those in whom thou trustest, and thou shalt
not prosper with them.

CHAPTER III

THEY say, If a man put away his wife, and
she go from him, and become another man's,
will he return unto her again? will not that
land be greatly polluted? But thou hast
played the harlot with many lovers; yet re-
turn again to me, saith Jehovah. 2 Lift up
thine eyes unto the bare heights, and see;
where hast thou not been lain with? By the
ways hast thou sat for them, as an Arabian
in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the
land with thy whoredoms and with thy wick-
edness. 3 Therefore the showers have been
withholden, and there hath been no latter
rain; yet thou hadst a harlot's forehead, thou
refusedst to be ashamed. 4 Wilt thou not
from this time cry unto me, My Father, thou
art the guide of my youth? 5 Will he retain
his anger for ever? will he keep it to the end?

Behold, thou hast spoken and hast done evil things, and hast had thy way.

6 Moreover Jehovah said unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. 7 And I said after she had done all these things, She will return unto me; but she returned not; and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8 And I saw, when, for this very cause that backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a bill of divorcement, yet treacherous Judah her sister feared not; but she also went and played the harlot. 9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that the land was polluted, and she committed adultery with stones and with stocks. 10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not returned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith Jehovah.

11 And Jehovah said unto me, Backsliding Israel hath showed herself more righteous than treacherous Judah. 12 Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, return, thou backsliding Israel, saith Jehovah; I will not look in anger upon you; for I am merciful, saith Jehovah, I will not keep *anger*

for ever. 13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against Jehovah thy God, and hast scattered the ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith Jehovah. 14 Return, O backsliding children, saith Jehovah; for I am a husband unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion. 15 And I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. 16 And it shall come to pass, when ye are multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith Jehovah, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of Jehovah; neither shall it come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither shall they miss it; neither shall it be made any more. 17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of Jehovah; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of Jehovah, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart. 18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I gave for an inheritance unto your fathers.

19 But I said, How I will put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land,

a goodly heritage of the hosts of the nations!
and I said, Ye shall call me My Father, and
shall not turn away from following me. 20
Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from
her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously
with me, O house of Israel, saith Jehovah. 21
A voice is heard upon the bare heights, the
weeping *and* the supplications of the children
of Israel; because they have perverted their
way, they have forgotten Jehovah their God.
22 Return, ye backsliding children, I will heal
your backslidings.

Behold, we are come unto thee; for thou art
Jehovah our God. 23 Truly in vain is *the*
help that is looked for from the hills, the tu-
mult on the mountains: truly in Jehovah our
God is the salvation of Israel. 24 But the
shameful thing hath devoured the labor of our
fathers from our youth, their flocks and their
herds, their sons and their daughters. 25 Let
us lie down in our shame, and let our confusion
cover us; for we have sinned against Jehovah
our God, we and our fathers, from our youth
even unto this day; and we have not obeyed
the voice of Jehovah our God.

CHAPTER IV

If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith Jehovah,
if thou wilt return unto me, and if thou wilt
put away thine abominations out of my sight;
then shalt thou not be removed; 2 and thou
shalt swear, As Jehovah liveth, in truth, in
justice, and in righteousness; and the nations
shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall
they glory.

3 For thus saith Jehovah to the men of
Judah and to Jerusalem, Break up your fal-
low ground, and sow not among thorns. 4
Circumcise yourselves to Jehovah, and take
away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of
Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my
wrath go forth like fire, and burn so that none
can quench it, because of the evil of your
doings.

5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in
Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in
the land: cry aloud and say, Assemble your-
selves, and let us go into the fortified cities. 6
Set up a standard toward Zion: flee for safety,
stay not; for I will bring evil from the north,
and a great destruction. 7 A lion is gone up
from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations;
he is on his way, he is gone forth from his

place, to make thy land desolate, that thy
cities be laid waste, without inhabitant. 8
For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and
wail; for the fierce anger of Jehovah is not
turned back from us. 9 And it shall come
to pass at that day, saith Jehovah, that the
heart of the king shall perish, and the heart
of the princes; and priests shall be astonished,
and the prophets shall wonder.

10 Then said I, Ah, Lord Jehovah! surely
thou hast greatly deceived this people and
Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace;
whereas the sword reacheth unto the life.

11 At that time shall it be said to this peo-
ple and to Jerusalem, A hot wind from the
bare heights in the wilderness toward the
daughter of my people, not to winnow, nor to
cleanse; 12 a full wind from these shall come
for me: now will I also utter judgments against
them. 13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds,
and his chariots *shall be* as the whirlwind: his
horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us!
for we are ruined. 14 O Jerusalem, wash thy
heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be
saved. How long shall thine evil thoughts
lodge within thee? 15 For a voice declareth
from Dan, and publisheth evil from the hills
of Ephraim. 16 Make ye mention to the na-
tions; behold, publish against Jerusalem, *that*

watchers come from a far country, and give
out their voice against the cities of Judah. 17
As keepers of a field are they against her
round about, because she hath been rebellious
against me, saith Jehovah. 18 Thy way and
thy doings have procured these things unto
thee; this is thy wickedness; for it is bitter, for
it reacheth unto thy heart.

19 My anguish, my anguish! I am pained
at my very heart; my heart is disquieted in me;
I cannot hold my peace; because thou hast
heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet,
the alarm of war. 20 Destruction upon de-
struction is cried; for the whole land is laid
waste: suddenly are my tents destroyed, *and*
my curtains in a moment. 21 How long shall
I see the standard, and hear the sound of the
trumpet? 22 For my people are foolish, they
know me not; they are sottish children, and
they have no understanding; they are wise to
do evil, but to do good they have no knowl-
edge.

23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was waste
and void; and the heavens, and they had no
light. 24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo,
they trembled, and all the hills moved to and
fro. 25 I beheld, and, lo, there was no man,
and all the birds of the heavens were fled. 26
I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful field was a wil-

derness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of Jehovah, *and* before his fierce anger.

27 For thus saith Jehovah, The whole land shall be a desolation; yet will I not make a full end. 28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and I have not repented, neither will I turn back from it. 29 Every city fleeth for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they go into the thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city is forsaken, and not a man dwelleth therein. 30 And thou, when thou art made desolate, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with scarlet, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou enlargest thine eyes with paint, in vain dost thou make thyself fair; *thy* lovers despise thee, they seek thy life. 31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that gaspeth for breath, that spreadeth her hands, *saying,* Woe is me now; for my soul fainteth before the murderers.

CHAPTER V

RUN ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that doeth justly, that seeketh truth; and I will pardon her. 2 And though they say, As Jehovah liveth; surely they swear falsely. 3 O Jehovah, do not thine eyes look upon truth? thou hast stricken them, but they were not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

4 Then I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish; for they know not the way of Jehovah, nor the law of their God: 5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they know the way of Jehovah, and the justice of their God. But these with one accord have broken the yoke, and burst the bonds. 6 Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, a wolf of the evenings shall destroy them, a leopard shall watch against their cities; every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces; because their transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings are increased.

7 How can I pardon thee? thy children
have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are
no gods. When I had fed them to the full,
they committed adultery, and assembled them-
selves in troops at the harlots' houses; 8 they
were as fed horses roaming at large; every
one neighed after his neighbor's wife. 9
Shall I not visit for these things? saith Je-
hovah; and shall not my soul be avenged on
such a nation as this?

10 Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy;
but make not a full end: take away her
branches; for they are not Jehovah's. 11 For
the house of Israel and the house of Judah
have dealt very treacherously against me, saith
Jehovah. 12 They have denied Jehovah,
and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come
upon us; neither shall we see sword nor fam-
ine: 13 and the prophets shall become wind,
and the word is not in them: thus shall it be
done unto them.

14 Wherefore thus saith Jehovah, the God
of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold,
I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and
this people wood, and it shall devour them.
15 Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from
far, O house of Israel, saith Jehovah: it is a
mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation
whose language thou knowest not, neither un-

derstandest what they say. 16 Their quiver
is an open sepulchre, they are all mighty men.
17 And they shall eat up thy harvest, and thy
bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters
should eat; they shall eat up thy flocks and thy
herds; they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig-
trees; they shall beat down the fortified cities,
wherein thou trustest, with the sword. 18
But even in those days, saith Jehovah, I will
not make a full end with you.

19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall
say, Wherefore hath Jehovah our God done
all these things unto us? then shalt thou say
unto them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and
served foreign gods in your land, so shall ye
serve strangers in a land that is not yours.

20 Declare ye this in the house of Jacob,
and publish it in Judah, saying, 21 Hear now
this, O foolish people, and without understand-
ing; that have eyes, and see not; that have
ears, and hear not: 22 Fear ye not me? saith
Jehovah: will ye not tremble at my presence,
who have placed the sand for the bound of the
sea, by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass
it? and though the waves thereof toss them-
selves, yet can they not prevail; though they
roar, yet can they not pass over it. 23 But
this people hath a revolting and a rebellious
heart; they are revolted and gone. 24

Neither say they in their heart, Let us now
fear Jehovah our God, that giveth rain, both
the former and the latter, in its season; that
preserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the
harvest. 25 Your iniquities have turned away
these things, and your sins have withholden
good from you. 26 For among my people are
found wicked men: they watch, as fowlers
lie in wait; they set a trap, they catch men.
27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses
full of deceit: therefore they are become great,
and waxed rich. 28 They are waxed fat, they
shine: yea, they overpass in deeds of wicked-
ness; they plead not the cause, the cause of the
fatherless, that they may prosper; and the
right of the needy do they not judge. 29
Shall I not visit for these things? saith Je-
hovah; shall not my soul be avenged on such
a nation as this?

30 A wonderful and horrible thing is come
to pass in the land: 31 the prophets prophesy
falsely, and the priests bear rule by their
means; and my people love to have it so: and
what will ye do in the end thereof?

CHAPTER VI

FLEE for safety, ye children of Benjamin,
out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the

trumpet in Tekoa, and raise up a signal on
Beth-haccherem; for evil looketh forth from
the north, and a great destruction. 2 The
comely and delicate one, the daughter of Zion,
will I cut off. 3 Shepherds with their flocks
shall come unto her; they shall pitch their tents
against her round about; they shall feed every
one in his place. 4 Prepare ye war against
her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto
us! for the day declineth, for the shadows of
the evening are stretched out. 5 Arise, and
let us go up by night, and let us destroy her
palaces. 6 For thus hath Jehovah of hosts
said, Hew ye down trees, and cast up a mound
against Jerusalem: this is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the midst of
her. 7 As a well casteth forth its waters, so
she casteth forth her wickedness; violence and
destruction is heard in her; before me continually is sickness and wounds. 8 Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul be alienated from thee; lest I make thee a desolation,
a land not inhabited.

9 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, They shall
thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a
vine: turn again thy hand as a grape-gatherer
into the baskets. 10 To whom shall I speak
and testify, that they may hear? behold, their
ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken:

behold, the word of Jehovah is become unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. 11 Therefore I am full of the wrath of Jehovah; I am weary with holding in: pour it out upon the children in the street, and upon the assembly of young men together; for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days. 12 And their houses shall be turned unto others, their fields and their wives together; for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith Jehovah. 13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. 14 They have healed also the hurt of my people slightly, saying, *Peace, peace; when there is no peace.* 15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall; at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith Jehovah.

16 Thus saith Jehovah, Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way; and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls: but they said, We will not walk *therein.* 17 And I set watchmen over you, *saying,* Hearken to the sound of the trum-

pet; but they said, We will not hearken. 18
Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O con-
gregation, what is among them. 19 Hear, O
earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this peo-
ple, even the fruit of their thoughts, because
they have not hearkened unto my words; and
as for my law, they have rejected it. 20 To
what purpose cometh there to me frankincense
from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far
country? your burnt-offerings are not accept-
able, nor your sacrifices pleasing unto me. 21
Therefore thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will
lay stumbling-blocks before this people; and
the fathers and the sons together shall stum-
ble against them; the neighbor and his friend
shall perish.

22 Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, a people
cometh from the north country; and a great
nation shall be stirred up from the uttermost
parts of the earth. 23 They lay hold on bow
and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy;
their voice roareth like the sea, and they ride
upon horses, every one set in array, as a man
to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Zion.
24 We have heard the report thereof; our
hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of
us, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail. 25
Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the
way; for the sword of the enemy, *and* terror,

are on every side. 26 O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation; for the destroyer shall suddenly come upon us.

27 I have made thee a trier *and* a fortress among my people; that thou mayest know and try their way. 28 They are all grievous revolters, going about with slanders; they are brass and iron: they all of them deal corruptly. 29 The bellows blow fiercely; the lead is consumed of the fire: in vain do they go on refining for the wicked are not plucked away. 30 Refuse silver shall men call them, because Jehovah hath rejected them.

CHAPTER VII

THE word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, 2 Stand in the gate of Jehovah's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of Jehovah, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship Jehovah. 3 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. 4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of Jehovah, the temple of Jehovah,

the temple of Jehovah, are these. 5 For if
ye thoroughly amend your ways and your do-
ings; if ye thoroughly execute justice between
a man and his neighbor; 6 if ye oppress not
the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow,
and shed not innocent blood in this place,
neither walk after other gods to your own
hurt: 7 then will I cause you to dwell in
this place, in the land that I gave to your
fathers, from of old even for evermore.

8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that can-
not profit. 9 Will ye steal, murder, and com-
mit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn in-
cense unto Baal, and walk after other gods
that ye have not known, 10 and come and
stand before me in this house, which is called
by my name, and say, We are delivered; that
ye may do all these abominations? 11 Is this
house, which is called by my name, become a
den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I, even
I, have seen it, saith Jehovah.

12 But go ye now unto my place which was
in Shiloh, where I caused my name to dwell
at the first, and see what I did to it for the
wickedness of my people Israel. 13 And
now, because ye have done all these works,
saith Jehovah, and I spake unto you, rising up
early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I
called you, but ye answered not: 14 therefore

will I do unto the house which is called by
my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place
which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I
did to Shiloh. 15 And I will cast you out of
my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren,
even the whole seed of Ephraim.

16 Therefore pray not thou for this people,
neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither
make intercession to me; for I will not hear
thee. 17 Seest thou not what they do in the
cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?
18 The children gather wood, and the fathers
kindle the fire, and the women knead the
dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven,
and to pour out drink-offerings unto other
gods, that they may provoke me to anger. 19
Do they provoke me to anger? saith Jehovah;
do they not *provoke* themselves, to the con-
fusion of their own faces? 20 Therefore thus
saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, mine anger
and my wrath shall be poured out upon this
place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon
the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the
ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be
quenched.

21 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of
Israel: Add your burnt-offerings unto your
sacrifices, and eat ye flesh. 22 For I spake
not unto your fathers, nor commanded them

in the day that I brought them out of the land
of Egypt, concerning burnt-offerings or sacri-
fices: 23 but this thing I commanded them,
saying, Hearken unto my voice, and I will be
your God, and ye shall be my people; and
walk ye in all the way that I command you,
that it may be well with you. 24 But they
hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but
walked in *their own* counsels *and* in the stub-
bornness of their evil heart, and went back-
ward, and not forward. 25 Since the day that
your fathers came forth out of the land of
Egypt unto this day, I have sent unto you all
my servants the prophets, daily rising up early
and sending them: 26 yet they hearkened not
unto me, nor inclined their ear, but made their
neck stiff: they did worse than their fathers.

27 And thou shalt speak all these words
unto them; but they will not hearken to thee:
thou shalt also call unto them; but they will
not answer thee. 28 And thou shalt say unto
them, This is the nation that hath not hark-
ened to the voice of Jehovah their God, nor
received instruction: truth is perished, and is
cut off from their mouth.

29 Cut off thy hair, *O Jerusalem,* and cast
it away, and take up a lamentation on the bare
heights; for Jehovah hath rejected and for-
saken the generation of his wrath. 30 For the

children of Judah have done that which is
evil in my sight, saith Jehovah: they have set
their abominations in the house which is called
by my name, to defile it. 31 And they have
built the high places of Topheth, which is in
the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their
sons and their daughters in the fire; which I
commanded not, neither came it into my mind.
32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith
Jehovah, that it shall no more be called To-
pheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom,
but The valley of Slaughter: for they shall
bury in Topheth, till there be no place *to bury*.
33 And the dead bodies of this people shall be
food for the birds of the heavens, and for the
beasts of the earth; and none shall frighten
them away. 34 Then will I cause to cease
from the cities of Judah, and from the streets
of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth and the voice
of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and
the voice of the bride; for the land shall be-
come a waste.

CHAPTER VIII

AT that time, saith Jehovah, they shall bring
out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the
bones of his princes, and the bones of the

priests, and the bones of the prophets, and
the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out
of their graves; 2 and they shall spread them
before the sun, and the moon, and all the host
of heaven, which they have loved, and which
they have served, and after which they have
walked, and which they have sought, and
which they have worshipped: they shall not
be gathered, nor be buried, they shall be for
dung upon the face of the earth. 3 And
death shall be chosen rather than life by all the
residue that remain of this evil family, that re-
main in all the places whither I have driven
them, saith Jehovah of hosts.

4 Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus
saith Jehovah: Shall men fall, and not rise
up again? shall one turn away, and not re-
turn? 5 Why then is this people of Jeru-
salem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding?
they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.
6 I hearkened and heard, but they spake not
aright: no man repenteth him of his wicked-
ness, saying, What have I done? every one
turneth to his course, as a horse that rusheth
headlong in the battle. 7 Yea, the stork in
the heavens knoweth her appointed times; and
the turtle-dove and the swallow and the crane
observe the time of their coming; but my
people know not the law of Jehovah.

8 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law
of Jehovah is with us? But, behold, the false
pen of the scribes hath wrought falsely. 9
The wise men are put to shame, they are dis-
mayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the
word of Jehovah; and what manner of wis-
dom is in them? 10 Therefore will I give
their wives unto others, and their fields to
them that shall possess them: for every one
from the least even unto the greatest is given to
covetousness; from the prophet even unto the
priest every one dealeth falsely. 11 And they
have healed the hurt of the daughter of my
people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when
there is no peace. 12 Were they ashamed
when they had committed abomination? nay,
they were not at all ashamed, neither could
they blush: therefore shall they fall among
them that fall; in the time of their visitation
they shall be cast down, saith Jehovah. 13 I
will utterly consume them, saith Jehovah:
there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs
on the fig-tree, and the leaf shall fade; and
the things that I have given them shall pass
away from them.

14 Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves,
and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let
us be silent there; for Jehovah our God hath
put us to silence, and given us water of gall to

drink, because we have sinned against Jehovah. 15 We looked for peace, but no good
came; *and* for a time of healing, and, behold,
dismay! 16 The snorting of his horses is
heard from Dan: at the sound of the neighing
of his strong ones the whole land trembleth;
for they are come, and have devoured the land
and all that is in it; the city and those that
dwell therein. 17 For, behold, I will send
serpents, adders, among you, which will not
be charmed; and they shall bite you, saith
Jehovah.

18 Oh that I could comfort myself against
sorrow! my heart is faint within me. 19 Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of
my people from a land that is very far off: Is
not Jehovah in Zion? is not her King in her?
Why have they provoked me to anger with
their graven images, and with foreign vanities? 20 The harvest is past, the summer is
ended, and we are not saved. 21 For the hurt
of the daughter of my people am I hurt: I
mourn; dismay hath taken hold on me. 22 Is
there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician
there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

CHAPTER IX

OH that my head were waters, and mine eyes
a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and
night for the slain of the daughter of my peo-
ple! 2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a
lodging-place of wayfaring men; that I might
leave my people, and go from them! for they
are all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous
men. 3 And they bend their tongue, *as it*
were their bow, for falsehood; and they are
grown strong in the land, but not for truth:
for they proceed from evil to evil, and they
know not me, saith Jehovah. 4 Take ye heed
every one of his neighbor, and trust ye not in
any brother; for every brother will utterly sup-
plant, and every neighbor will go about with
slanders. 5 And they will deceive every one
his neighbor, and will not speak the truth:
they have taught their tongue to speak lies;
they weary themselves to commit iniquity. 6
Thy habitation is in the midst of deceit;
through deceit they refuse to know me, saith
Jehovah.

7 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Be-
hold, I will melt them, and try them; for how
else should I do, because of the daughter of
my people? 8 Their tongue is a deadly ar-

row; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he layeth wait for him. 9 Shall I not visit them for these things? saith Jehovah; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the pastures of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none passeth through; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the birds of the heavens and the beasts are fled, they are gone. 11 And I will make Jerusalem heaps, a dwelling-place of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.

12 Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and *who is* he to whom the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken, that he may declare it? wherefore is the land perished and burned up like a wilderness, so that none passeth through? 13 And Jehovah saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein, 14 but have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after the Baalim, which their fathers taught them; 15 therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will feed them, even this

people, with wormwood, and give them water
of gall to drink. 16 I will scatter them also
among the nations, whom neither they nor
their fathers have known; and I will send the
sword after them, till I have consumed them.

17 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Consider
ye, and call for the mourning women, that
they may come; and send for the skilful
women, that they may come: 18 and let them
make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that
our eyes may run down with tears, and our
eyelids gush out with waters. 19 For a voice
of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we
ruined! we are greatly confounded, because we
have forsaken the land, because they have cast
down our dwellings. 20 Yet hear the word
of Jehovah, O ye women, and let your ear re-
ceive the word of his mouth; and teach your
daughters wailing, and every one her neigh-
bor lamentation. 21 For death is come up
into our windows, it is entered into our pal-
aces; to cut off the children from without, *and*
the young men from the streets. 22 Speak,
Thus saith Jehovah, The dead bodies of men
shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as
the handful after the harvestman; and none
shall gather *them*.

23 Thus saith Jehovah, Let not the wise
man glory in his wisdom, neither let the

mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich
man glory in his riches; 24 but let him that
glorieth glory in this, that he hath understand-
ing, and knoweth me, that I am Jehovah who
exerciseth lovingkindness, justice, and right-
eousness, in the earth: for in these things I de-
light, saith Jehovah.

25 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah,
that I will punish all them that are circum-
cised in *their* uncircumcision: 26 Egypt, and
Judah, and Edom, and the children of Am-
mon, and Moab, and all that have the corners
of their hair cut off, that dwell in the wilder-
ness; for all the nations are uncircumcised,
and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised
in heart.

CHAPTER X

HEAR ye the word which Jehovah speaketh
unto you, O house of Israel: 2 Thus saith Je-
hovah, Learn not the way of the nations, and
be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for
the nations are dismayed at them. 3 For the
customs of the peoples are vanity; for one cut-
teth a tree out of the forest, the work of the
hands of the workman with the axe. 4 They
deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten
it with nails and with hammers, that it move

not. 5 They are like a palm-tree, of turned work, and speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good.

6 There is none like unto thee, O Jehovah; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. 7 Who should not fear thee, O King of the nations? for to thee doth it appertain; forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is none like unto thee. 8 But they are together brutish and foolish: the instruction of idols! it is but a stock. 9 There is silver beaten into plates, which is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the artificer and of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple for their clothing; they are all the work of skilful men. 10 But Jehovah is the true God; he is the living God, and an everlasting King: at his wrath the earth trembleth, and the nations are not able to abide his indignation.

11 Thus shall ye say unto them, the gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, these shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens.

12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom,

and by his understanding hath he stretched out
the heavens. 13 When he uttereth his voice,
there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and
he causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends
of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain,
and bringeth forth the wind out of his treas-
uries. 14 Every man is become brutish *and*
is without knowledge; every goldsmith is put
to shame by his graven image; for his molten
image is falsehood, and there is no breath in
them. 15 They are vanity, a work of delu-
sion: in the time of their visitation they shall
perish. 16 The portion of Jacob is not like
these; for he is the former of all things: and
Israel is the tribe of his inheritance: Jehovah
of hosts is his name.

17 Gather up thy wares out of the land, O
thou that abidest in the siege. 18 For thus
saith Jehovah, Behold, I will sling out the in-
habitants of the land at this time, and will
distress them, that they may feel *it*.

19 Woe is me because of my hurt! my
wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is *my*
grief, and I must bear it. 20 My tent is de-
stroyed, and all my cords are broken: my chil-
dren are gone forth from me, and they are not:
there is none to spread my tent any more, and
to set up my curtains. 21 For the shepherds
are become brutish, and have not inquired of

Jehovah: therefore they have not prospered, and all their flocks are scattered. 22 The voice of tidings, behold, it cometh, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah a desolation, a dwelling-place of jackals.

23 O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. 24 O Jehovah, correct me, but in measure; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. 25 Pour out thy wrath upon the nations that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name; for they have devoured Jacob, yea, they have devoured him and consumed him, and have laid waste his habitation.

CHAPTER XI

THE word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, 2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 3 and say thou unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: Cursed be the man that heareth not the words of this covenant, 4 which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and

do them, according to all which I command
you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be
your God; 5 that I may establish the oath
which I sware unto your fathers, to give them
a land flowing with milk and honey, as at this
day. Then answered I, and said, Amen, O
Jehovah.

6 And Jehovah said unto me, Proclaim
all these words in the cities of Judah, and in
the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the
words of this covenant, and do them. 7 For
I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the
day that I brought them up out of the land
of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and
protesting, saying, Obey my voice. 8 Yet
they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but
walked every one in the stubbornness of their
evil heart: therefore I brought upon them all
the words of this covenant, which I com-
manded them to do, but they did them not.

9 And Jehovah said unto me, A conspiracy
is found among the men of Judah, and among
the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10 They are
turned back to the iniquities of their fore-
fathers, who refused to hear my words; and
they are gone after other gods to serve them:
the house of Israel and the house of Judah
have broken my covenant which I made with
their fathers. 11 Therefore thus saith Je-

hovah, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and they shall cry unto me, but I will not hearken unto them. 12 Then shall the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem go and cry unto the gods unto which they offer incense: but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble. 13 For according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to the shameful thing, even altars to burn incense unto Baal.

14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me because of their trouble. 15 What hath my beloved to do in my house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness *with* many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest. 16 Jehovah called thy name, A green olive-tree; fair with goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken. 17 For Jehovah of hosts, who planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have wrought for themselves in provok-

ing me to anger by offering incense unto Baal.
18 And Jehovah gave me knowledge of it,
and I knew it: then thou showedst me their
doings. 19 But I was like a gentle lamb that
is led to the slaughter; and I knew not that
they had devised devices against me, *saying,*
Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof,
and let us cut him off from the land of the
living, that his name may be no more remem-
bered. 20 But, O Jehovah of hosts, who
judgest righteously, who triest the heart and
the mind, I shall see thy vengeance on them;
for unto thee have I revealed my cause. 21
Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning the
men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying,
Thou shalt not prophesy in the name of Je-
hovah, that thou die not by our hand; 22
therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Behold,
I will punish them: the young men shall die
by the sword; their sons and their daughters
shall die by famine; 23 and there shall be no
remnant unto them: for I will bring evil upon
the men of Anathoth, even the year of their
visitation.

CHAPTER XII

RIGHTEOUS art thou, O Jehovah, when I
contend with thee; yet would I reason the

cause with thee: wherefore doth the way of
the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they
at ease that deal very treacherously? 2 Thou
hast planted them, yea, they have taken root;
they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: thou
art near in their mouth, and far from their
heart. 3 But thou, O Jehovah, knowest me;
thou seest me, and triest my heart toward thee:
pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and
prepare them for the day of slaughter. 4
How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs
of the whole country wither? for the wicked-
ness of them that dwell therein, the beasts are
consumed, and the birds; because they said,
He shall not see our latter end.

5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and
they have wearied thee, then how canst thou
contend with horses? and though in a land
of peace thou art secure, yet how wilt thou
do in the pride of the Jordan? 6 For even
thy brethren, and the house of thy father,
even they have dealt treacherously with thee;
even they have cried aloud after thee: believe
them not, though they speak fair words unto
thee.

7 I have forsaken my house, I have cast off
my heritage; I have given the dearly beloved
of my soul into the hand of her enemies. 8
My heritage is become unto me as a lion in

the forest: she hath uttered her voice against
me; therefore I have hated her. 9 Is my
heritage unto me as a speckled bird of prey?
are the birds of prey against her round about?
go ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, bring
them to devour. 10 Many shepherds have
destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my
portion under foot, they have made my pleas-
ant portion a desolate wilderness. 11 They
have made it a desolation; it mourneth unto
me, being desolate; the whole land is made des-
olate, because no man layeth it to heart. 12
Destroyers are come upon all the bare heights
in the wilderness; for the sword of Jehovah
devoureth from the one end of the land even
to the other end of the land: no flesh hath
peace. 13 They have sown wheat, and have
reaped thorns; they have put themselves to
pain, and profit nothing: and ye shall be
ashamed of your fruits, because of the fierce
anger of Jehovah.

14 Thus saith Jehovah against all mine evil
neighbors, that touch the inheritance which I
have caused my people Israel to inherit: Be-
hold, I will pluck them up from off their land,
and will pluck up the house of Judah from
among them. 15 And it shall come to pass,
after that I have plucked them up, I will re-
turn and have compassion on them; and I will

bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. 16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, As Jehovah liveth; even as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built up in the midst of my people. 17 But if they will not hear, then will I pluck up that nation, plucking up and destroying it, saith Jehovah.

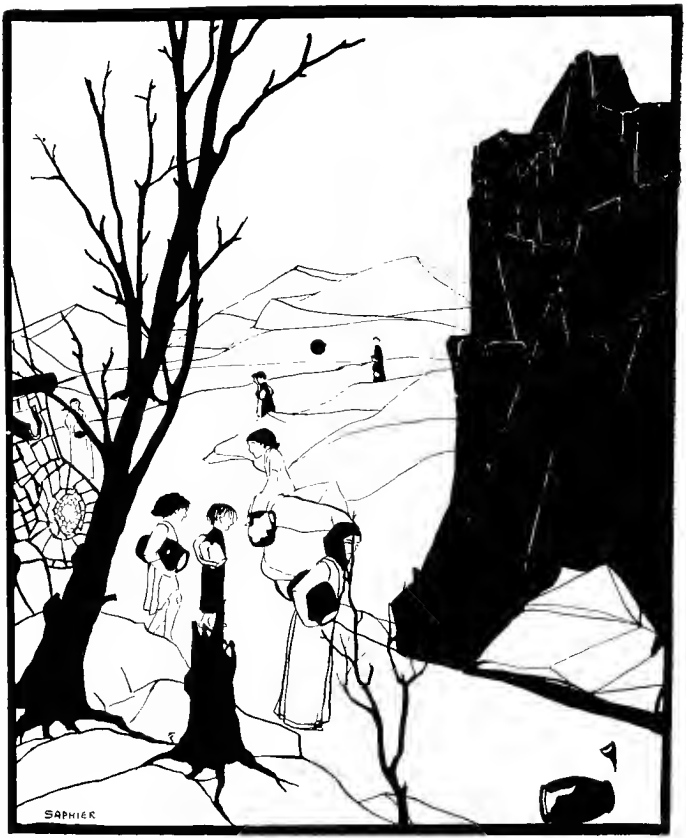
CHAPTER XIII

THUS said Jehovah unto me, Go, and buy thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water. 2 So I bought a girdle according to the word of Jehovah, and put it upon my loins. 3 And the word of Jehovah came unto me the second time, saying, 4 Take the girdle that thou hast bought, which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft of the rock. 5 So I went, and hid it by the Euphrates, as Jehovah commanded me. 6 And it came to pass after many days, that Jehovah said unto me, Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there. 7 Then I went to the Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had

hid it; and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

8 Then the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 9 Thus saith Jehovah, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. 10 This evil people, that refuse to hear my words, that walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and are gone after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is profitable for nothing. 11 For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith Jehovah; that they may be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

12 Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word: Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine? 13 Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. 14 And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers



And their nobles sent their little ones to the waters; they come to the cisterns, and find no water; they return with their vessels empty.—xiv-3.

and the sons together, saith Jehovah: I will not
pity, nor spare, nor have compassion, that I
should not destroy them.

15 Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud; for
Jehovah hath spoken. 16 Give glory to Je-
hovah your God, before he cause darkness, and
before your feet stumble upon the dark moun-
tains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it
into the shadow of death, and make it gross
darkness. 17 But if ye will not hear it, my
soul shall weep in secret for *your* pride; and
mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with
tears, because Jehovah's flock is taken captive.

18 Say thou unto the king and unto the
queen-mother, Humble yourselves, sit down;
for your headtires are come down, even the
crown of your glory. 19 The cities of the
South are shut up, and there is none to open
them: Judah is carried away captive, all of it;
it is wholly carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that
come from the north: where is the flock that
was given thee, thy beautiful flock? 21 What
wilt thou say, when he shall set over thee as
head those whom thou hast thyself taught to be
friends to thee? shall not sorrows take hold of
thee, as of a woman in travail? 22 And if
thou say in thy heart, Wherefore are these
things come upon me? for the greatness of

thine iniquity are thy skirts uncovered, and thy heels suffer violence. 23 *Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?* then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil. 24 Therefore will I scatter them, as the stubble that passeth away, by the wind of the wilderness. 25 This is thy lot, the portion measured unto thee from me, saith Jehovah; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood. 26 Therefore will I also uncover thy skirts upon thy face, and thy shame shall appear. 27 I have seen thine abominations, even thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, on the hills in the field. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! thou wilt not be made clean; how long shall it yet be?

CHAPTER XIV

THE word of Jehovah that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought.

2 Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish, they sit in black upon the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. 3 And their nobles send their little ones to the waters: they come to the cisterns, and find no water; they return with their vessels empty; they are put to shame and confounded, and cover their

heads. 4 Because of the ground which is
cracked, for that no rain hath been in the land,
the plowmen are put to shame, they cover their
heads. 5 Yea, the hind also in the field
calveth, and forsaketh *her young,* because there
is no grass. 6 And the wild asses stand on the
bare heights, they pant for air like jackals;
their eyes fail, because there is no herbage.

7 Though our iniquities testify against us,
work thou for thy name's sake, O Jehovah;
for our backslidings are many; we have sinned
against thee. 8 O thou hope of Israel, the
Saviour thereof in the time of trouble, why
shouldest thou be as a sojourner in the land,
and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to
tarry for a night? 9 Why shouldest thou be
as a man affrighted, as a mighty man that can-
not save? Yet thou, O Jehovah, art in the
midst of us, and we are called by thy name;
leave us not.

10 Thus saith Jehovah unto this people,
Even so have they loved to wander; they have
not refrained their feet: therefore Jehovah
doth not accept them; now will he remember
their iniquity, and visit their sins. 11 And
Jehovah said unto me, Pray not for this people
for *their* good. 12 When they fast, I will not
hear their cry; and when they offer burnt-
offering and meal-offering, I will not accept

them; but I will consume them by the sword,
and by the famine, and by the pestilence.
13 Then said I, Ah, Lord Jehovah! behold,
the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the
sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will
give you assured peace in this place. 14 Then
Jehovah said unto me, The prophets prophesy
lies in my name; I sent them not, neither have
I commanded them, neither spake I unto
them: they prophesy unto you a lying vision,
and divination, and a thing of naught, and the
deceit of their own heart. 15 Therefore, thus
saith Jehovah concerning the prophets that
prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet
they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this
land: By sword and famine shall those proph-
ets be consumed. 16 And the people to whom
they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets
of Jerusalem because of the famine and the
sword; and they shall have none to bury them
—them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their
daughters: for I will pour their wickedness
upon them. 17 And thou shalt say this word
unto them, Let mine eyes run down with tears
night and day, and let them not cease; for the
virgin daughter of my people is broken with a
great breach, with a very grievous wound.
18 If I go forth into the field, then behold, the
slain with the sword! and if I enter into the

city, then, behold, they that are sick with famine! for both the prophet and the priest go about in the land, and have no knowledge.

19 Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul loathed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and, behold, dismay! 20 We acknowledge, O Jehovah, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against thee. 21 Do not abhor *us,* for thy name's sake; do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us. 22 Are there any among the vanities of the nations that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O Jehovah our God? therefore we will wait for thee; for thou hast made all these things.

CHAPTER XV

THEN said Jehovah unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind would not be toward this people: cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth. 2 And it shall come to pass, when they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith Jehovah: Such as are for

death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for captivity, to captivity. 3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith Jehovah: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and to destroy. 4 And I will cause them to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem.

5 For who will have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who will bemoan thee? or who will turn aside to ask of thy welfare? 6 Thou hast rejected me, saith Jehovah, thou art gone backward: therefore have I stretched out my hand against thee, and destroyed thee; I am weary with repenting. 7 And I have winnowed them with a fan in the gates of the land; I have bereaved *them* of children, I have destroyed my people; they returned not from their ways. 8 Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas; I have brought upon them against the mother of the young men a destroyer at noonday: I have caused anguish and terrors to fall upon her suddenly. 9 She that hath borne seven languisheth; she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down

while it was yet day; she hath been put to shame and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith Jehovah.

10 Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not lent, neither have men lent to me; *yet* every one of them doth curse me.

11 Jehovah said, Verily I will strengthen thee for good; verily I will cause the enemy to make supplication unto thee in the time of evil and in the time of affliction. 12 Can one break iron, even iron from the north, and brass? 13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give for a spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders. 14 And I will make *them* to pass with thine enemies into a land which thou knowest not; for a fire is kindled in mine anger, which shall burn upon you.

15 O Jehovah, thou knowest; remember me, and visit me, and avenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered reproach. 16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy words were unto me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by thy name, O Jehovah, God of hosts. 17 I sat not

in the assembly of them that make merry, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand; for thou hast filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou indeed be unto me as a deceitful *brook,* as waters that fail?

19 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, that thou mayest stand before me; and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: they shall return unto thee, but thou shalt not return unto them. 20 And I will make thee unto this people a fortified brazen wall; and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith Jehovah. 21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

CHAPTER XVI

THE word of Jehovah came also unto me, saying, 2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters, in this place. 3 For thus saith Jehovah con-

cerning the sons and concerning the daughters
that are born in this place, and concerning
their mothers that bare them, and concerning
their fathers that begat them in this land: 4
They shall die grievous deaths: they shall not
be lamented, neither shall they be buried; they
shall be as dung upon the face of the ground;
and they shall be consumed by the sword, and
by famine; and their dead bodies shall be food
for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts
of the earth.

5 For thus saith Jehovah, Enter not into the
house of mourning, neither go to lament,
neither bemoan them; for I have taken away
my peace from this people, saith Jehovah, even
lovingkindness and tender mercies. 6 Both
great and small shall die in this land; they
shall not be buried, neither shall men lament
for them, nor cut themselves, nor make them-
selves bald for them; 7 neither shall men
break *bread* for them in mourning, to comfort
them for the dead; neither shall men give them
the cup of consolation to drink for their father
or for their mother. 8 And thou shalt not go
into the house of feasting to sit with them, to
eat and to drink. 9 For thus saith Jehovah
of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will
cause to cease out of this place, before your

eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.

10 And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt show this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath Jehovah pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against Jehovah our God? 11 Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith Jehovah, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; 12 and ye have done evil more than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, so that ye hearken not unto me: 13 therefore will I cast you forth out of this land into the land that ye have not known, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; for I will show you no favor.

14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that it shall no more be said, *As Jehovah liveth,* that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; 15 but, As Jehovah liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the countries whither he had driven them.

And I will bring them again into their land
that I gave unto their fathers.

16 Behold, I will send for many fishers,
saith Jehovah, and they shall fish them up; and
afterward I will send for many hunters, and
they shall hunt them from every mountain, and
from every hill, and out of the clefts of the
rocks. 17 For mine eyes are upon all their
ways; they are not hid from my face, neither is
their iniquity concealed from mine eyes. 18
And first I will recompense their iniquity and
their sin double, because they have polluted
my land with the carcasses of their detestable
things, and have filled mine inheritance with
their abominations.

19 O Jehovah, my strength, and my stronghold, and my refuge in the day of affliction,
unto thee shall the nations come from the ends
of the earth, and shall say, Our fathers have
inherited naught but lies, *even* vanity and
things wherein there is no profit. 20 Shall a
man make unto himself gods, which yet are no
gods?

21 Therefore, behold, I will cause them to
know, this once will I cause them to know my
hand and my might; and they shall know that
my name is Jehovah.

CHAPTER XVII

THE sin of Judah is written with a *pen of iron, and* with the *point of a diamond:* it is graven upon the tablet of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars; 2 whilst their children remember their altars and their Asherim by the green trees upon the high hills. 3 O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures for a spoil, *and* thy high places, because of sin, throughout all thy borders. 4 And thou, even of thyself, shalt discontinue from thy heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger which shall burn for ever.

5 Thus saith Jehovah: Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from Jehovah. 6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land and not inhabited. 7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in Jehovah, and whose trust Jehovah is. 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, that spreadeth out its roots by the river, and shall not fear when heat cometh, but its leaf shall be green; and shall

not be careful in the year of drought, neither
shall cease from yielding fruit.
9 The heart is deceitful above all things,
and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know
it? 10 I, Jehovah, search the mind, I try the
heart, even to give every man according to his
ways, according to the fruit of his doings. 11
As the partridge that sitteth on *eggs* which she
hath not laid, so is he that getteth riches, and
not by right; in the midst of his days they shall
leave him, and at his end he shall be a fool.
12 A glorious throne, *set* on high from the
beginning, is the place of our sanctuary. 13
O Jehovah, the hope of Israel, all that forsake
thee shall be put to shame. They that depart
from me shall be written in the earth, because
they have forsaken Jehovah, the fountain of
living waters. 14 Heal me, O Jehovah, and
I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be
saved: for thou art my praise. 15 Behold,
they say unto me, Where is the word of Je-
hovah? let it come now. 16 As for me, I have
not hastened from being a shepherd after thee;
neither have I desired the woeful day; thou
knowest: that which came out of my lips was
before thy face. 17 Be not a terror unto me:
thou art my refuge in the day of evil. 18 Let
them be put to shame that persecute me, but
let not me be put to shame; let them be dis-

mayed, but let not me be dismayed; bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

19 Thus said Jehovah unto me: Go, and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; 20 and say unto them, Hear ye the word of Jehovah, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates: 21 Thus saith Jehovah, Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; 22 neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work: but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. 23 But they hearkened not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, and might not receive instruction.

24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith Jehovah, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but to hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein; 25 then shall there enter in by the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jeru-

salem; and this city shall remain for ever.
26 And they shall come from the cities of
Judah, and from the places round about Jeru-
salem, and from the land of Benjamin, and
from the lowland, and from the hill-country,
and from the South, bringing burnt-offerings,
and sacrifices, and meal-offerings, and frank-
incense, and bringing *sacrifices of* thanksgiv-
ing, unto the house of Jehovah. 27 But if ye
will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath
day, and not to bear a burden and enter in at
the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day;
then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof,
and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem,
and it shall not be quenched.

CHAPTER XVIII

THE word which came to Jeremiah from
Jehovah, saying, 2 Arise, and go down to the
potter's house, and there I will cause thee to
hear my words. 3 Then I went down to the
potter's house, and behold, he was making a
work on the wheels. 4 And when the vessel
that he made of the clay was marred in the
hand of the potter, he made it again another
vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make
it.

5 Then the word of Jehovah came to me,
saying, 6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with
you as this potter? saith Jehovah. Behold, as
the clay in the potter's hand, so are ye in my
hand, O house of Israel. 7 At what instant I
shall speak concerning a nation, and concern-
ing a kingdom, to pluck up and to break down
and to destroy it; 8 if that nation, concerning
which I have spoken, turn from their evil, I
will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto
them. 9 And at what instant I shall speak
concerning a nation, and concerning a king-
dom, to build and to plant it; 10 if they do
that which is evil in my sight, that they obey
not my voice, then I will repent of the good,
wherewith I said I would benefit them. 11
Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah, and
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus
saith Jehovah: Behold, I frame evil against
you, and devise a device against you: return
ye now every one from his evil way, and amend
your ways and your doings. 12 But they say,
It is in vain; for we will walk after our own
devices, and we will do every one after the
stubbornness of his evil heart.

13 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Ask ye
now among the nations, who hath heard such
things; the virgin of Israel hath done a very
horrible thing. 14 Shall the snow of Lebanon

The word which came to Jeremiah from Jehova, saying, 2 Arise and go down to the potter s house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.—xviii-1.

fail from the rock of the field? *or* shall the cold
waters that flow down from afar be dried up?
15 For my people have forgotten me, they
have burned incense to false *gods*; and they
have been made to stumble in their ways, in
the ancient paths, to walk in bypaths, in a way
not cast up; 16 to make their land an astonish-
ment, and a perpetual hissing; every one that
passeth thereby shall be astonished, and shake
his head. 17 I will scatter them as with an
east wind before the enemy; I will show them
the back, and not the face, in the day of their
calamity.

18 Then said they, Come, and let us devise
devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not
perish from the priest, nor counsel from the
wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come,
and let us smite him with the tongue, and let
us not give heed to any of his words.

19 Give heed to me, O Jehovah, and
hearken to the voice of them that contend with
me. 20 Shall evil be recompensed for good?
for they have digged a pit for my soul. Re-
member how I stood before thee to speak good
for them, to turn away thy wrath from them.
21 Therefore deliver up their children to the
famine, and give them over to the power of the
sword; and let their wives become childless,
and widows; and let their men be slain of

death, *and* their young men smitten of the
sword in battle. 22 Let a cry be heard from
their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop
suddenly upon them; for they have digged a
pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet. 23
Yet, Jehovah, thou knowest all their counsel
against me to slay me; forgive not their
iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy
sight; but let them be overthrown before thee;
deal thou with them in the time of thine anger.

CHAPTER XIX

THUS said Jehovah, Go, and buy a potter's
earthen bottle, and *take* of the elders of the
people, and of the elders of the priests; 2 and
go forth into the valley of the son of Hinnom,
which is by the entry of the gate Harsith, and
proclaim there the words, that I shall tell
thee; 3 and say, Hear ye the word of Jehovah,
O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jeru-
salem: Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of
Israel, Behold, I will bring evil upon this
place, which whosoever heareth, his ears shall
tingle. 4 Because they have forsaken me, and
have estranged this place, and have burned in-
cense in it unto other gods, that they knew not,
they and their fathers and the kings of Judah,

and have filled this place with the blood of
innocents, 5 and have built the high places of
Baal, to burn their sons in the fire for burnt-
offerings unto Baal; which I commanded not,
nor spake it, neither came it into my mind:
6 therefore, behold, the days come, saith Je-
hovah, that this place shall no more be called
Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom,
but the valley of Slaughter. 7 And I will
make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem
in this place; and I will cause them to fall by
the sword before their enemies, and by the
hand of them that seek their life: and their
dead bodies will I give to be food for the birds
of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth.
8 And I will make this city an astonishment,
and a hissing; every one that passeth thereby
shall be astonished and hiss because of all the
plagues thereof. 9 And I will cause them to
eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their
daughters; and they shall eat every one the
flesh of his friend, in the siege and in the dis-
tress, wherewith their enemies, and they that
seek their life, shall distress them.

10 Then shalt thou break the bottle in the
sight of the men that go with thee, 11 and shalt
say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts:
Even so will I break this people and this city,
as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be

made whole again; and they shall bury in Topheth, till there be no place to bury. 12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith Jehovah, and to the inhabitants thereof, even making this city as Topheth: 13 and the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, which are defiled, shall be as the place of Topheth, even all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink-offerings unto other gods.

14 Then came Jeremiah from Topheth, whither Jehovah had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of Jehovah's house, and said to all the people: 15 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all its towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it; because they have made their neck stiff, that they may not hear my words.

CHAPTER XX

NOW Pashhur, the son of Immer the priest, who was chief officer in the house of Jehovah, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. 2 *Then Pashhur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks* that were in the

Then Pashhur smote Jeremiah the prophet.—xx-2.

upper gate of Benjamin, which was in the house of Jehovah. 3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashhur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, Jehovah hath not called thy name Pashhur, but Magor-missabib. 4 For thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it; and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword. 5 Moreover I will give all the riches of this city, and all the gains thereof, and all the precious things thereof, yea, all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies; and they shall make them a prey, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. 6 And thou, Pashhur, and all that dwell in thy house shall go into captivity; and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and there shalt thou be buried, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied falsely.

7 O Jehovah, thou hast persuaded me, and I was persuaded; thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am become a laughing-stock all the day, every one mocketh me. 8 For as

often as I speak, I cry out; I cry, Violence and
destruction! because the word of Jehovah is
made a reproach unto me, and a derision, all
the day. 9 And if I say, I will not make men-
tion of him, nor speak any more in his name,
then there is in my heart as it were a burning
fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with
forbearing, and I cannot *contain.* 10 For I
have heard the defaming of many, terror on
every side. Denounce, and we will denounce
him, *say* all my familiar friends, they that
watch for my fall; peradventure he will be
persuaded, and we shall prevail against him,
and we shall take our revenge on him. 11
But Jehovah is with me as a mighty one *and* a
terrible: therefore my persecutors shall stum-
ble, and they shall not prevail; they shall be
utterly put to shame, because they have not
dealt wisely, even with an everlasting dishonor
which shall never be forgotten. 12 But, O
Jehovah of hosts, that triest the righteous, that
seest the heart and the mind, let me see thy
vengeance on them; for unto thee have I re-
vealed my cause. 13 Sing unto Jehovah,
praise ye Jehovah; for he hath delivered the
soul of the needy from the hand of evil-doers.

14 Cursed be the day wherein I was born:
let not the day wherein my mother bare me be
blessed. 15 Cursed be the man who brought

tidings to my father, saying, A man-child is
born unto thee; making him very glad. 16
And let that man be as the cities which Je-
hovah overthrew, and repented not: and let
him hear a cry in the morning, and shouting at
noontime; 17 because he slew me not from the
womb; and so my mother would have been my
grave, and her womb always great. 18
Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see
labor and sorrow, that my days should be con-
sumed with shame?

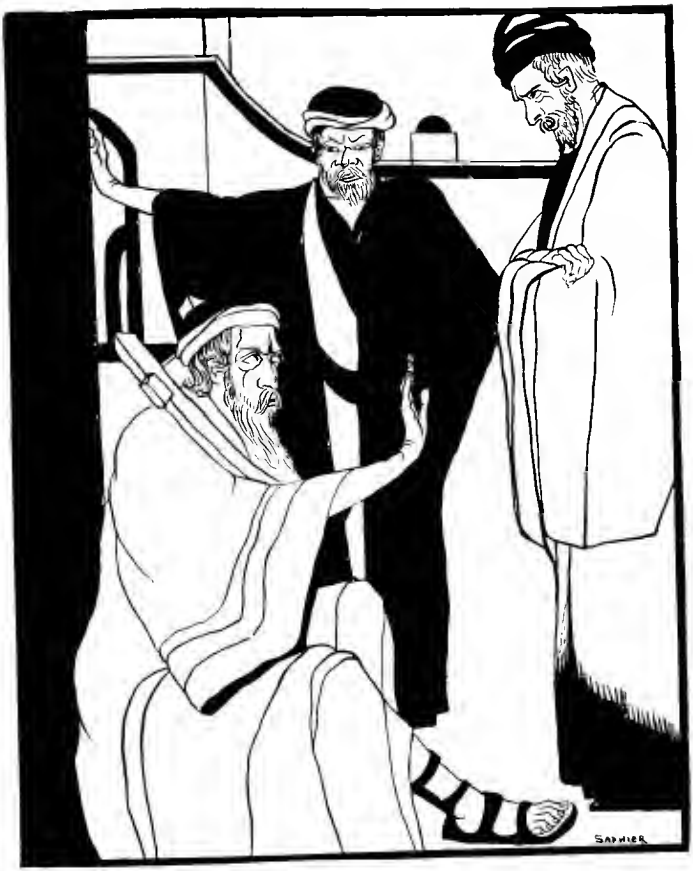
CHAPTER XXI

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from
Jehovah, when king Zedekiah sent unto him
Pashhur the son of Malchijah, and Zephaniah
the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying, 2 In-
quire, I pray thee, of Jehovah for us; for
Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war
against us: peradventure Jehovah will deal
with us according to all his wondrous works,
that he may go up from us.

3 Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus
shall ye say to Zedekiah: 4 Thus saith Je-
hovah, the God of Israel, Behold, I will turn
back the weapons of war that are in your
hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of
Babylon, and against the Chaldeans that be-

siege you, without the walls; and I will gather
them into the midst of this city. 5 And I my-
self will fight against you with an outstretched
hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and
in wrath, and in great indignation. 6 And I
will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man
and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.
7 And afterward, saith Jehovah, I will de-
liver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants,
and the people, even such as are left in this
city from the pestilence, from the sword, and
from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchad-
rezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of
their enemies, and into the hand of those that
seek their life: and he shall smite them with
the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them,
neither have pity, nor have mercy.

8 And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus
saith Jehovah: Behold, I set before you the
way of life and the way of death. 9 He that
abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and
by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he
that goeth out, and passeth over to the Chal-
deans that besiege you, he shall live, and his
life shall be unto him for a prey. 10 For I
have set my face upon this city for evil, and
not for good, saith Jehovah: it shall be given
into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he
shall burn it with fire.



The word which came unto Jeremiah from Jehova, when King Zedekiah sent unto him Pashhur the son of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest.—xxi-1.

11 And touching the house of the king of
Judah, hear ye the word of Jehovah: 12 O
house of David, thus saith Jehovah, Execute
justice in the morning, and deliver him that is
robbed out of the hand of the oppressor, lest
my wrath go forth like fire, and burn so that
none can quench it, because of the evil of your
doings. 13 Behold, I am against thee, O in-
habitant of the valley, *and* of the rock of the
plain, saith Jehovah; you that say, Who shall
come down against us? or who shall enter into
our habitations? 14 And I will punish you
according to the fruit of your doings, saith Je-
hovah; and I will kindle a fire in her forest,
and it shall devour all that is round about her.

CHAPTER XXII

THUS said Jehovah: Go down to the house
of the king of Judah, and speak there this
word, 2 and say, Hear the word of Jehovah,
O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne
of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy peo-
ple that enter in by these gates. 3 Thus saith
Jehovah: Execute ye justice and righteousness,
and deliver him that is robbed out of the hand
of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no vio-
lence, to the sojourner, the fatherless, nor the

widow; neither shed innocent blood in this
place. 4 For if ye do this thing indeed, then
shall there enter in by the gates of this house
kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding
in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants,
and his people. 5 But if ye will not hear
these words, I swear by myself, saith Jehovah,
that this house shall become a desolation. 6
For thus saith Jehovah concerning the house
of the king of Judah: Thou art Gilead unto
me, *and* the head of Lebanon; *yet* surely I will
make thee a wilderness, *and* cities which are
not inhabited. 7 And I will prepare destroy-
ers against thee, every one with his weapons;
and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and
cast them into the fire. 8 And many nations
shall pass by this city, and they shall say every
man to his neighbor, Wherefore hath Jehovah
done thus unto this great city? 9 Then they
shall answer, Because they forsook the cove-
nant of Jehovah their God, and worshipped
other gods, and served them.

10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither be-
moan him; but weep sore for him that goeth
away; for he shall return no more, nor see his
native country. 11 For thus saith Jehovah
touching Shallum the son of Josiah, king of
Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his
father, *and* who went forth out of this place:

He shall not return thither any more; 12 but
in the place whither they have led him captive,
there shall he die, and he shall see this land
no more.

13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by
unrighteousness, and his chambers by injus-
tice; that useth his neighbor's service without
wages, and giveth him not his hire; 14 that
saith, I will build me a wide house and spa-
cious chambers, and cutteth him out windows;
and it is ceiled with cedar, and painted with
vermilion. 15 Shalt thou reign, because thou
strivest to excel in cedar? Did not thy father
eat and drink, and do justice and righteous-
ness? then it was well with him. 16 He
judged the cause of the poor and needy; then
it was well. Was not this to know me? saith
Jehovah. 17 But thine eyes and thy heart are
not but for thy covetousness, and for shedding
innocent blood, and for oppression, and for
violence, to do it. 18 Therefore thus saith
Jehovah concerning Jehoiakim the son of
Josiah, king of Judah: They shall not lament
for him, *saying,* Ah my brother! or, Ah sister!
They shall not lament for him, *saying,* Ah
lord! or, Ah his glory! 19 He shall be buried
with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth
beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up

thy voice in Bashan, and cry from Abarim;
for all thy lovers are destroyed. 21 I spake
unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I
will not hear. This hath been thy manner
from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my
voice. 22 The wind shall feed all thy shep-
herds, and thy lovers shall go into captivity:
surely then shalt thou be ashamed and con-
founded for all thy wickedness. 23 O inhabi-
tant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the
cedars, how greatly to be pitied shalt thou be
when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a
woman in travail!

24 As I live, saith Jehovah, though Coniah
the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the
signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck
thee thence; 25 and I will give thee into the
hand of them that seek thy life, and into the
hand of them of whom thou art afraid, even
into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of
Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.
26 And I will cast thee out, and thy mother
that bare thee, into another country, where ye
were not born; and there shall ye die. 27
But to the land whereunto their soul longeth
to return, thither shall they not return. 28 Is
this man Coniah a despised broken vessel? is
he a vessel wherein none delighteth? where-
fore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are

cast into the land which they know not? 29
O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of Je-
hovah. 30 Thus saith Jehovah, Write ye this
man childless, a man that shall not prosper in
his days; for no more shall a man of his seed
prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and
ruling in Judah.

CHAPTER XXIII

WOE unto the shepherds that destroy and
scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith Jehovah.
2 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, the God of
Israel, against the shepherds that feed my peo-
ple: Ye have scattered my flock, and driven
them away, and have not visited them; behold,
I will visit upon you the evil of your doings,
saith Jehovah. 3 And I will gather the rem-
nant of my flock out of all the countries
whither I have driven them, and will bring
them again to their folds; and they shall be
fruitful and multiply. 4 And I will set up
shepherds over them, who shall feed them; and
they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed,
neither shall any be lacking, saith Jehovah.
5 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that
I will raise unto David a righteous Branch,
and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and

shall execute justice and righteousness in the
land. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and
Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name
whereby he shall be called: Jehovah our right-
eousness. 7 Therefore, behold, the days
come, saith Jehovah, that they shall no more
say, As Jehovah liveth, who brought up the
children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
8 but, As Jehovah liveth, who brought up and
who led the seed of the house of Israel out of
the north country, and from all the countries
whither I had driven them. And they shall
dwell in their own land.

9 Concerning the prophets. My heart
within me is broken, all my bones shake; I am
like a drunken man, and like a man whom
wine hath overcome, because of Jehovah, and
because of his holy words. 10 For the land
is full of adulterers; for because of swearing
the land mourneth; the pastures of the wilder-
ness are dried up. And their course is evil,
and their might is not right; 11 for both
prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my
house have I found their wickedness, saith Je-
hovah. 12 Wherefore their way shall be unto
them as slippery places in the darkness: they
shall be driven on, and fall therein; for I will
bring evil upon them, even the year of their
visitation, saith Jehovah.

13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of
Samaria; they prophesied by Baal, and caused
my people Israel to err. 14 In the prophets
of Jerusalem also I have seen a horrible thing:
they commit adultery, and walk in lies; and
they strengthen the hands of evil-doers, so that
none doth return from his wickedness: they are
all of them become unto me as Sodom, and the
inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. 15 There-
fore thus saith Jehovah of hosts concerning the
prophets: Behold, I will feed them with
wormwood, and make them drink the water of
gall; for from the prophets of Jerusalem is un-
godliness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Hearken
not unto the words of the prophets that proph-
esy unto you: they teach you vanity; they speak
a vision of their own heart, and not out of the
mouth of Jehovah. 17 They say continually
unto them that despise me, Jehovah hath said,
Ye shall have peace; and unto every one that
walketh in the stubbornness of his own heart
they say, No evil shall come upon you. 18
For who hath stood in the council of Jehovah,
that he should perceive and hear his word?
who hath marked my word, and heard it?
19 Behold, the tempest of Jehovah, *even his*
wrath, is gone forth, yea, a whirling tempest:
it shall burst upon the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of Jehovah shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall understand it perfectly. 21 I sent not these prophets, yet they ran: I spake not unto them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in my council, then had they caused my people to hear my words, and had turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23 Am I a God at hand, saith Jehovah, and not a God afar off? 24 Can any hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? saith Jehovah. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith Jehovah. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. 26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies, even the prophets of the deceit of their own heart? 27 that think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers forgat my name for Baal. 28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my words, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat? saith Jehovah. 29 Is not my word like fire? saith Jehovah; and like a ham-

mer that breaketh the rock in pieces? 30
Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets,
saith Jehovah, that steal my words every one
from his neighbor. 31 Behold, I am against
the prophets, saith Jehovah, that use their
tongues, and say, He saith. 32 Behold, I am
against them that prophesy lying dreams, saith
Jehovah, and do tell them, and cause my peo-
ple to err by their lies, and by their vain boast-
ing: yet I sent them not, nor commanded them;
neither do they profit this people at all, saith
Jehovah.

33 And when this people, or the prophets,
or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the
burden of Jehovah? then shalt thou say unto
them, What burden! I will cast you off, saith
Jehovah. 34 And as for the prophet, and the
priest, and the people, that shall say, The bur-
den of Jehovah, I will even punish that man
and his house. 35 Thus shall ye say every
one to his neighbor, and every one to his
brother, What hath Jehovah answered? and,
What hath Jehovah spoken? 36 And the
burden of Jehovah shall ye mention no more:
for every man's own word shall be his burden;
for ye have perverted the words of the living
God, of Jehovah of hosts our God. 37 Thus
shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath Je-
hovah answered thee? and, What hath Jeho-

vah spoken? 38 But if ye say, The burden of Jehovah; therefore thus saith Jehovah: Because ye say this word, The burden of Jehovah, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of Jehovah; 39 therefore, behold, I will utterly forget you, and I will cast you off, and the city that I gave unto you and to your fathers, away from my presence: 40 and I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

CHAPTER XXIV

JEHOVAH showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs set before the temple of Jehovah, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the craftsmen and smiths, from Jerusalem and had brought them to Babylon. 2 One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first-ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. 3 Then said Jehovah unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad.

4 And the word of Jehovah came unto me,
saying, 5 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Is-
rael: Like these good figs, so will I regard the
captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of
this place into the land of the Chaldeans, for
good. 6 For I will set mine eyes upon them
for good, and I will bring them again to this
land: and I will build them, and not pull them
down; and I will plant them, and not pluck
them up. 7 And I will give them a heart to
know me, that I am Jehovah: and they shall
be my people, and I will be their God; for
they shall return unto me with their whole
heart.

8 And as the bad figs, which cannot be
eaten, they are so bad, surely thus saith Je-
hovah, So will I give up Zedekiah the king
of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of
Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them
that dwell in the land of Egypt, 9 I will even
give them up to be tossed to and fro among
all the kingdoms of the earth for evil; to be a
reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse,
in all places whither I shall drive them. 10
And I will send the sword, the famine, and
the pestilence, among them, till they be con-
sumed from off the land that I gave unto them
and to their fathers.

CHAPTER XXV

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (the same was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon), 2 which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying: 3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even unto this day, these three and twenty years, the word of Jehovah hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising up early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened. 4 And Jehovah hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them (but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear), 5 saying, Return ye now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that Jehovah hath given unto you and to your fathers, from of old and even for evermore; 6 and go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the work of your hands; and I will do you no hurt. 7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith Jehovah; that ye may provoke me to anger with

the work of your hands to your own hurt. 8
Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Because
ye have not heard my words, 9 Behold, I will
send and take all the families of the north,
saith Jehovah, and *I will send* unto *Nebuchad-*
rezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and
will bring them against this land, and against
the inhabitants thereof, and against all these
nations round about; and I will utterly destroy
them, and make them an astonishment, and a
hissing, and perpetual desolations. 10 More-
over I will take from them the voice of mirth
and the voice of gladness, the voice of the
bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the
sound of the millstones, and the light of the
lamp. 11 And this whole land shall be a
desolation, and an astonishment; and these na-
tions shall serve the king of Babylon seventy
years.

12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy
years are accomplished, that I will punish
the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith
Jehovah, for their iniquity, and the land of
the Chaldeans; and I will make it desolate for
ever. 13 And I will bring upon that land all
my words which I have pronounced against
it, even all that is written in this book, which
Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the na-
tions. 14 For many nations and great kings

shall make bondmen of them, even of them;
and I will recompense them according to their
deeds, and according to the work of their
hands.

15 For thus saith Jehovah, the God of Is-
rael, unto me: Take this cup of the wine of
wrath at my hand, and cause all the nations,
to whom I send thee, to drink it. 16 And
they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be
mad, because of the sword that I will send
among them. 17 Then took I the cup of Je-
hovah's hand, and made all the nations to
drink, unto whom Jehovah had sent me: 18
to wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and
the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to
make them a desolation, an astonishment, a
hissing, and a curse, as it is this day; 19 Pha-
raoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his
princes, and all his people; 20 and all the
mingled people, and all the kings of the land
of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the
Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ek-
ron, and the remnant of Ashdod; 21 Edom,
and Moab, and the children of Ammon; 22
and all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of
Sidon, and the kings of the isle which is be-
yond the sea; 23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz,
and all that have the corners *of their hair* cut
off; 24 and all the kings of Arabia, and all

the kings of the mingled people that dwell in
the wilderness; 25 and all the kings of Zimri,
and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of
the Medes; 26 and all the kings of the north,
far and near, one with another; and all the
kingdoms of the world, which are upon the
face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach
shall drink after them.

27 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith
Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink ye,
and be drunken, and spew, and fall, and rise
no more, because of the sword which I will
send among you. 28 And it shall be, if they
refuse to take the cup at thy hand to drink,
then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Je-
hovah of hosts: Ye shall surely drink. 29
For, lo, I begin to work evil at the city which
is called by my name; and should ye be utterly
unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished;
for I will call for a sword upon all the in-
habitants of the earth, saith Jehovah of hosts.

30 Therefore prophesy thou against them
all these words, and say unto them, Jehovah
will roar from on high, and utter his voice
from his holy habitation; he will mightily
roar against his fold; he will give a shout, as
they that tread *the grapes,* against all the in-
habitants of the earth. 31 A noise shall come
even to the end of the earth; for Jehovah hath

a controversy with the nations; he will enter
into judgment with all flesh: as for the wicked,
he will give them to the sword, saith Jehovah.
32 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Behold,
evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a
great tempest shall be raised up from the utter-
most parts of the earth. 33 And the slain of
Jehovah shall be at that day from one end of
the earth even unto the other end of the earth:
they shall not be lamented, neither gathered,
nor buried; they shall be dung upon the face
of the ground. 34 Wail, ye shepherds, and
cry; and wallow *in ashes,* ye principal of the
flock; for the days of your slaughter and of
your dispersions are fully come, and ye shall
fall like a goodly vessel. 35 And the shep-
herds shall have no way to flee, nor the prin-
cipal of the flock to escape. 36 A voice of the
cry of the shepherds, and the wailing of the
principal of the flock! for Jehovah layeth
waste their pasture. 37 And the peaceable
folds are brought to silence because of the
fierce anger of Jehovah. 38 He hath left his
covert, as the lion; for their land is become an
astonishment because of the fierceness of the
oppressing *sword,* and because of his fierce
anger.

CHAPTER XXVI

IN the beginning of the reign of *Jehoiakim* the *son of Josiah,* king of Judah, came this word from Jehovah, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah: Stand in the court of Jehovah's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in Jehovah's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word. 3 It may be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way; that I may repent me of the evil which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. 4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah: If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, 5 to hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I send unto you, even rising up early and sending them, but ye have not hearkened; 6 then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth. 7 And the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of Jehovah.

8 And it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that Jehovah had commanded him to speak unto all the people,

that the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold on him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. 9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of Jehovah, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant? And all the people were gathered unto Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah.

10 And when the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house unto the house of Jehovah; and they sat in the entry of the new gate of Jehovah's *house.* 11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy of death; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. 12 Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, Jehovah sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. 13 Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of Jehovah your God; and Jehovah will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. 14 But as for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as is good and right in your eyes. 15 Only know ye for certain that, if ye put me to death, ye will bring innocent blood upon yourselves,

and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants
thereof; for of a truth Jehovah hath sent me
unto you to speak all these words in your ears.
16 Then said the princes and all the peo-
ple unto the priests and to the prophets: This
man is not worthy of death; for he hath spoken
to us in the name of Jehovah our God. 17
Then rose up certain of the elders of the land,
and spake to all the assembly of the people,
saying, 18 *Micah the Morashtite prophesied*
in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah and
he spake to all the people of Judah, saying,
Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Zion shall be
plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become
heaps, and the mountain of the house as the
high places of a forest. 19 Did Hezekiah
king of Judah and all Judah put him to death?
did he not fear Jehovah, and entreat the favor
of Jehovah, and Jehovah repented him of the
evil which he had pronounced against them?
Thus should we commit great evil against our
own souls.

20 And there was also a man that proph-
esied in the name of Jehovah, Uriah the son
of Shemaiah of Kiriath-jearim; and he proph-
esied against this city and against this land
according to all the words of Jeremiah. 21
And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his
mighty men, and all the princes, heard his

words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Uriah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt. 22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, *namely,* Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him, into Egypt; 23 and they fetched forth Uriah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king, who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people. 24 But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people and put him to death.

CHAPTER XXVII

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah to me: Make thee bonds and bars, and put them upon thy neck; 3 and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers that come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah: 4 and give them a charge unto their masters, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of

hosts, the God of Israel, Thus shall ye say
unto your masters: 5 I have made the earth,
the men and the beasts that are upon the face
of the earth, by my great power and by my
outstretched arm; and I give it unto whom
it seemeth right unto me. 6 And now have
I given all these lands into the hand of Neb-
uchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant;
and the beasts of the field also have I given
him to serve him. 7 And all the nations shall
serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until
the time of his own land come: and then many
nations and great kings shall make their bond-
man. 8 And it shall come to pass, that the
nation and the kingdom which will not serve
the same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,
and that will not put their neck under the yoke
of the king of Babylon, that nation will I pun-
ish, saith Jehovah, with the sword, and with
the famine, and with the pestilence, until I
have consumed them by his hand. 9 But as
for you, hearken ye not to your prophets, nor
to your diviners, nor to your dreams, nor to
your sooth-sayers, nor to your sorcerers, that
speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the
king of Babylon: 10 for they phophesy a lie
unto you, to remove you far from your land,
and that I should drive you out, and ye should
perish. 11 But the nation that shall bring

their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, that *nation* will I let remain in their own land, saith Jehovah; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

12 And I spake to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live. 13 Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as Jehovah hath spoken concerning the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? 14 And hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon; for they prophesy a lie unto you. 15 For I have not sent them, saith Jehovah, but they prophesy falsely in my name; that I may drive you out, and that ye may perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.

16 Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith Jehovah: Hearken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of Jehovah's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon; for they prophesy a lie unto you. 17 Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city become a desolation? 18 But

if they be prophets, and if the word of Jehovah be with them, let them now make intercession to Jehovah of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon. 19 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that are left in this city, 20 which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; 21 yea, thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of Jehovah, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem: 22 They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be, until the day that I visit them, saith Jehovah; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

CHAPTER XXVIII

AND it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month,

that Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet,
who was of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house
of Jehovah, in the presence of the priests and
of all the people, saying, 2 Thus speaketh Je-
hovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I
have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.
3 Within two full years will I bring again
into this place all the vessels of Jehovah's
house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
took away from this place, and carried to
Babylon: 4 and I will bring again to this place
Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah,
with all the captives of Judah, that went to
Babylon, saith Jehovah; for I will break the
yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto
the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the
priests, and in the presence of all the people
that stood in the house of Jehovah, 6 even the
prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: Jehovah do so;
Jehovah perform thy words which thou hast
prophesied, to bring again the vessels of Je-
hovah's house, and all them of the captivity,
from Babylon unto this place. 7 Neverthe-
less hear thou now this word that I speak in
thine ears, and in the ears of all the people: 8
The prophets that have been before me and
before thee of old prophesied against many
countries, and against great kingdoms, of war,

Then Hananiah the *prophet took the bar from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it.*—xxviii-10.

and of evil, and of pestilence. 9 The prophet
that prophesieth of peace, when the word of
the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the
prophet be known, that Jehovah hath truly
sent him. 10 Then Hananiah the *prophet*
took the bar from off the prophet Jeremiah's
neck, and brake it. 11 And Hananiah spake
in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus
saith Jehovah: Even so will I break the yoke
of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon within
two full years from off the neck of all the na-
tions. And the prophet Jeremiah went his
way.

12 Then the word of Jehovah came unto
Jeremiah, after that Hananiah the prophet
had broken the bar from off the neck of the
prophet Jeremiah, saying, 13 Go, and tell
Hananiah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah: Thou
hast broken the bars of wood; but thou hast
made in their stead bars of iron. 14 For thus
saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: I
have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all
these nations, that they may serve Nebuchad-
nezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve
him: and I have given him the beasts of the
field also. 15 Then said the prophet Jere-
miah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now,
Hananiah: Jehovah hath not sent thee; but
thou makest this people to trust in a lie. 16

Therefore thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will send thee away from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast spoken rebellion against Jehovah. 17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

CHAPTER XXIX

Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon 2 (after that Jeconiah the king, and the queen-mother, and the eunuchs, *and* the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem), 3 by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), saying, 4 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all the captivity, whom I have caused to be carried away captive from Jerusalem unto Babylon: 5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat

the fruit of them. 6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters: and multiply ye there, and be not diminished. 7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto Jehovah for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. 8 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Let not your prophets that are in the midst of you, and your diviners, deceive you; neither hearken ye to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. 9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith Jehovah. 10 For thus saith Jehovah, After seventy years are accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith Jehovah, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope in your latter end. 12 And ye shall call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. 14 And I will be found of you, saith Jehovah, and I will turn again your captivity, and I will gather you from all

the nations, and from all the places whither
I have driven you, saith Jehovah; and I will
bring you again unto the place whence I
caused you to be carried away captive.

15 Because ye have said, Jehovah hath
raised us up prophets in Babylon; 16 thus
saith Jehovah concerning the king that sitteth
upon the throne of David, and concerning all
the people that dwell in this city, your breth-
ren that are not gone forth with you into cap-
tivity; 17 thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Be-
hold, I will send upon them the sword, the
famine, and the pestilence, and will make them
like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are
so bad. 18 And I will pursue after them
with the sword, with the famine, and with the
pestilence, and will deliver them to be tossed
to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth,
to be an execration, and an astonishment, and
a hissing, and a reproach, among all the na-
tions whither I have driven them; 19 because
they have not hearkened to my words, saith Je-
hovah, wherewith I sent unto them my serv-
ants the prophets, rising up early and sending
them; but ye would not hear, saith Jehovah.
20 Hear ye therefore the word of Jehovah,
all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent away
from Jerusalem to Babylon.

21 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of

Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah,
and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah,
who prophesy a lie unto you in my name:
Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of
Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he
shall slay them before your eyes; 22 and of
them shall be taken up a curse by all the cap-
tives of Judah that are in Babylon, saying, Je-
hovah make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab,
whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;
23 because they have wrought folly in Israel,
and have committed adultery with their neigh-
bors' wives, and have spoken words in my
name falsely, which I commanded them not;
and I am he that knoweth, and am witness,
saith Jehovah.

24 And concerning Shemaiah the Nehela-
mite thou shalt speak, saying, 25 Thus speak-
eth Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying,
Because thou hast sent letters in thine own
name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem,
and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the
priest, and to all the priests, saying, 26 Jeho-
vah hath made thee priest in the stead of
Jehoiada the priest, that there may be officers
in the house of Jehovah, for every man that is
mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou
shouldest put him in the stocks and in shackles.
27 Now therefore, why hast thou not rebuked

Jeremiah of Anathoth, who maketh himself a prophet to you, 28 forasmuch as he hath sent unto us in Babylon, saying, *The captivity* is long: build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them? 29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet. 30 Then came the word of Jehovah unto Jeremiah, saying, 31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith Jehovah concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he hath caused you to trust in a lie; 32 therefore thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among this people, neither shall he behold the good that I will do unto my people, saith Jehovah, because he hath spoken rebellion against Jehovah.

CHAPTER XXX

THE word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, 2 Thus speaketh Jehovah, the God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. 3 For, lo, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will turn again the captivity of my people Is-

rael and Judah, saith Jehovah; and I will
cause them to return to the land that I gave to
their fathers, and they shall possess it.
4 And these are the words that Jehovah
spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.
5 For thus saith Jehovah: We have heard a
voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.
6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth
travail with child: wherefore do I see every
man with his hands on his loins, as a woman
in travail, and all faces are turned into pale-
ness? 7 Alas! for that day is great, so that
none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's
trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. 8
And it shall come to pass in that day, saith
Jehovah of hosts, that I will break his yoke
from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds;
and strangers shall no more make him their
bondman; 9 but they shall serve Jehovah their
God, and David their king, whom I will raise
up unto them. 10 Therefore fear thou not, O
Jacob my servant, saith Jehovah; neither be
dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee
from afar, and thy seed from the land of their
captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall
be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him
afraid. 11 For I am with thee, saith Jeho-
vah, to save thee: for I will make a full end
of all the nations whither I have scattered

thee, but I will not make a full end of thee;
but I will correct thee in measure, and will in
no wise leave thee unpunished.

12 For thus saith Jehovah, Thy hurt is in-
curable, and thy wound grievous. 13 There
is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest
be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines.
14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they
seek thee not: for I have wounded thee with
the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement
of a cruel one, for the greatness of thine in-
iquity, because thy sins were increased. 15
Why criest thou for thy hurt? thy pain is in-
curable: for the greatness of thine iniquity,
because thy sins were increased, I have done
these things unto thee. 16 Therefore all they
that devour thee shall be devoured; and all
thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go
into captivity; and they that despoil thee shall
be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I
give for a prey. 17 For I will restore health
unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds,
saith Jehovah; because they have called thee
an outcast, *saying,* It is Zion, whom no man
seeketh after.

18 Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will turn
again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have
compassion on his dwelling-places; and the
city shall be builded upon its own hill, and

the palace shall be inhabited after its own manner. 19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. 20 Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me; and I will punish all that oppress them. 21 And their prince shall be of themselves, and their ruler shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is he that hath had boldness to approach unto me? saith Jehovah. 22 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

23 Behold, the tempest of Jehovah, *even* his wrath, is gone forth, a sweeping tempest: it shall burst upon the head of the wicked. 24 The fierce anger of Jehovah shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall understand it.

CHAPTER XXXI

At that time, saith Jehovah, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they

shall be my people. 2 Thus saith Jehovah,
The people that were left of the sword found
favor in the wilderness; even Israel, when I
went to cause him to rest. 3 Jehovah ap-
peared of old unto me, *saying,* Yea, I have
loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore
with loving-kindness have I drawn thee. 4
Again will I build thee, and thou shalt be
built, O virgin of Israel: again shalt thou be
adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth
in the dances of them that make merry. 5
Again shalt thou plant vineyards upon the
mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy *the fruit thereof.* 6 For there
shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the
hills of Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let
us go up to Zion unto Jehovah our God.

7 For thus saith Jehovah, Sing with glad-
ness for Jacob, and shout for the chief of the
nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Jeho-
vah, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.
8 Behold, I will bring them from the north
country, and gather them from the uttermost
parts of the earth, *and* with them the blind and
the lame, the woman with child and her that
travaileth with child together: a great com-
pany shall they return hither. 9 They shall
come with weeping; and with supplications
will I lead them: I will cause them to walk

by rivers of waters, in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born.

10 Hear the word of Jehovah, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off; and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. 11 For Jehovah hath ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. 12 And they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow unto the goodness of Jehovah, to the grain, and to the new wine, and to the oil, and to the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. 13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. 14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith Jehovah.

15 Thus saith Jehovah: *A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children; she refuseth to be comforted for her children, because they are not.* 16 Thus saith Jehovah: Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears;

for thy work shall be rewarded, saith Jehovah;
and they shall come again from the land of the
enemy. 17 And there is hope for thy latter
end, saith Jehovah; and *thy* children shall
come again to their own border. 18 I have
surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself
thus, Thou hast chastised me, and I was chas-
tised, as a calf unaccustomed *to the yoke:* turn
thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art
Jehovah my God. 19 Surely after that I was
turned, I repented; and after that I was in-
structed, I smote upon my thigh: I was
ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did
bear the reproach of my youth. 20 Is Eph-
raim my dear son? is he a darling child? for
as often as I speak against him, I do earnestly
remember him still: therefore my heart yearn-
eth for him; I will surely have mercy upon
him, saith Jehovah.

21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee guide-
posts; set thy heart toward the highway, even
the way by which thou wentest: turn again, O
virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.
22 How long wilt thou go hither and thither,
O thou backsliding daughter? for Jehovah
hath created a new thing in the earth: A
woman shall encompass a man.

23 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of
Israel, Yet again shall they use this speech in

the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity: Jehovah bless thee, O habitation of righteousness, O mountain of holiness. 24 And Judah and all the cities thereof shall dwell therein together, the husbandmen and they that go about with flocks. 25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and every sorrowful soul have I replenished. 26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me.

27 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. 28 And it shall come to pass that, like as I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down and to overthrow and to destroy and to afflict, so will I watch over them to build and to plant, saith Jehovah. 29 In those days they shall say no more, *The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.* 30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by

the hand to bring them out of the land of
Egypt; which my covenant they brake, al-
though I was a husband unto them, saith Je-
hovah. 33 But this is the covenant that I
will make with the house of Israel after those
days, saith Jehovah: I will put my law in
their inward parts, and in their heart will I
write it; and I will be their God, and they
shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach
no more every man his neighbor, and every
man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for
they shall all know me, from the least of them
unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for
I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will
I remember no more.

35 Thus saith Jehovah, who giveth the sun
for a light by day, and the ordinances of the
moon and of the stars for a light by night,
who stirreth up the sea, so that the waves
thereof roar; Jehovah of hosts is his name: 36
If these ordinances depart from before me,
saith Jehovah, then the seed of Israel also shall
cease from being a nation before me for ever.
37 Thus saith Jehovah: If heaven above can
be measured, and the foundations of the earth
searched out beneath, then will I also cast off
all the seed of Israel for all that they have
done, saith Jehovah.

38 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah,

that the city shall be built to Jehovah from the tower of Hananel unto the gate of the corner. 39 And the measuring line shall go out further straight onward unto the hill Gareb, and shall turn about unto Goah. 40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy unto Jehovah; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

CHAPTER XXXII

THE word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. 2 Now at that time the king of Babylon's army was besieging Jerusalem; and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the king of Judah's house. 3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 4 and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Baby-

lon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth,
and his eyes shall behold his eyes; 5 and he
shall bring Zedekiah to Babylon, and there
shall he be until I visit him, saith Jehovah:
though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall
not prosper?

6 And Jeremiah said, The word of Jehovah
came unto me, saying, 7 Behold, Hanamel the
son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto
thee, saying, *Buy thee my field that is in Ana-
thoth;* for the right of redemption is thine to
buy it. 8 So Hanamel mine uncle's son came
to me in the court of the guard according to
the word of Jehovah, and said unto me, Buy
my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth,
which is in the land of Benjamin; for the right
of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is
thine; buy it for thyself. Then I knew that
this was the word of Jehovah. 9 And I
bought the field that was in Anathoth of Hana-
mel mine uncle's son, and weighed him the
money, even seventeen shekels of silver. 10
And I subscribed the deed, and sealed it, and
called witnesses, and weighed him the money
in the balances. 11 So I took the deed of
the purchase, both that which was sealed, *ac-
cording to* the law and custom, and that which
was open: 12 and I delivered the deed of the
purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the

son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel
mine uncle's *son,* and in the presence of the
witnesses that subscribed the deed of the pur-
chase, before all the Jews that sat in the court
of the guard. 13 And I charged Baruch be-
fore them, saying, 14 Thus saith Jehovah of
hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, this
deed of the purchase which is sealed, and this
deed which is open, and put them in an earthen
vessel; that they may continue many days. 15
For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Is-
rael: Houses and fields and vineyards shall yet
again be bought in this land.

16 Now after I had delivered the deed of
the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah,
I prayed unto Jehovah, saying, 17 Ah Lord
Jehovah! behold, thou hast made the heavens
and the earth by thy great power and by thine
outstretched arm; there is nothing too hard
for thee, 18 who showest lovingkindness unto
thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of
the fathers into the bosom of their children
after them; the great, the mighty God, Jeho-
vah of hosts is his name; 19 great in counsel,
and mighty in work; whose eyes are open upon
all the ways of the sons of men, to give every
one according to his ways, and according to
the fruit of his doings; 20 who didst set signs
and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto

this day, both in Israel and among *other* men;
and madest thee a name, as at this day; 21
and didst bring forth thy people Israel out of
the land of Egypt with signs, and with won-
ders, and with a strong hand, and with an out-
stretched arm, and with great terror; 22 and
gavest them this land, which thou didst swear
to their fathers to give them, a land flowing
with milk and honey; 23 and they came in,
and possessed it; but they obeyed not thy
voice, neither walked in thy law; they have
done nothing of all that thou commandedst
them to do: therefore thou hast caused all this
evil to come upon them. 24 Behold, the
mounds, they are come unto the city to take
it; and the city is given into the hand of the
Chaldeans that fight against it, because of the
sword, and of the famine, and of the pesti-
lence; and what thou hast spoken is come to
pass; and, behold, thou seest it. 25 And thou
hast said unto me, O Lord Jehovah, Buy thee
the field for money, and call witnesses;
whereas the city is given into the hand of the
Chaldeans.

26 Then came the word of Jehovah unto
Jeremiah, saying, 27 Behold, I am Jehovah,
the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard
for me? 28 Therefore thus saith Jehovah:
Behold, I will give this city into the hand of

the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it: 29 and the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set this city on fire, and burn it, with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink-offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger. 30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have done only that which was evil in my sight from their youth; for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith Jehovah. 31 For this city hath been to me a provocation of mine anger and of my wrath from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face, 32 because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 33 And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: and though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction. 34 But they set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it. 35 And they built the high places of Baal, which

are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

36 And now therefore thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: 37 Behold, I will gather them out of all the countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my wrath, and in great indignation; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. 38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God: 39 and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and their children after them: 40 and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from following them, to do them good; and I will put my fear in their hearts, that they may not depart from me. 41 Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul. 42 For thus saith Jehovah: Like as I have brought all this great

evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them. 43 And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate, without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans. 44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe the deeds, and seal them, and call witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the hill-country, and in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith Jehovah.

CHAPTER XXXIII

MOREOVER the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the guard, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah that doeth it, Jehovah that formeth it to establish it; Jehovah is his name: 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and will show thee great things, and difficult, which thou knowest not. 4 For thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down *to make a defence* against the mounds and

against the sword; 5 while *men* come to fight
with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the
dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in
mine anger and in my wrath, and for all whose
wickedness I have hid my face from this city:
6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and
I will cure them; and I will reveal unto them
abundance of peace and truth. 7 And I will
cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity
of Israel to return, and will build them, as at
the first. 8 And I will cleanse them from all
their iniquity, whereby they have sinned
against me; and I will pardon all their iniqui-
ties, whereby they have sinned against me, and
whereby they have transgressed against me.
9 And *this city* shall be to me for a name of
joy, for a praise and for a glory, before all the
nations of the earth, which shall hear all the
good that I do unto them, and shall fear and
tremble for all the good and for all the peace
that I procure unto it.

10 Thus saith Jehovah: Yet again there
shall be heard in this place, whereof ye say,
It is waste, without man and without beast,
even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets
of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man
and without inhabitant and without beast, 11
the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the
voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the

bride, the voice of them that say, Give thanks to Jehovah of hosts, for Jehovah is good, for his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever; *and of them* that bring *sacrifices of* thanksgiving into the house of Jehovah. For I will cause the captivity of the land to return as at the first, saith Jehovah.

12 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Yet again shall there be in this place, which is waste, without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, a habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down. 13 In the cities of the hill-country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks again pass under the hands of him that numbereth them, saith Jehovah.

14 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will perform that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. 15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause a Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is *the name* whereby she shall be called: Jehovah our righteousness. 17

For thus saith Jehovah: David shall never
want a man to sit upon the throne of the house
of Israel; 18 neither shall the priests the Le-
vites want a man before me to offer burnt-
offerings, and to burn meal-offerings, and to do
sacrifice continually.

19 And the word of Jehovah came unto
Jeremiah, saying, 20 Thus saith Jehovah: If
ye can break my covenant of the day, and my
covenant of the night, so that there shall not be
day and night in their season; 21 then may
also my covenant be broken with David my
servant, that he shall not have a son to reign
upon his throne; and with the Levites the
priests, my ministers. 22 As the host of
heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand
of the sea measured; so will I multiply the
seed of David my servant, and the Levites that
minister unto me.

23 And the word of Jehovah came to Jere-
miah, saying, 24 Considerest thou not what
this people have spoken, saying, The two fami-
lies which Jehovah did choose, he hath cast
them off? thus do they despise my people, that
they should be no more a nation before them.
25 Thus saith Jehovah: If my covenant of
day and night *stand* not, if I have not ap-
pointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;
26 then will I also cast away the seed of Ja-

cob, and of David my servant, so that I will not take of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and will have mercy on them.

CHAPTER XXXIV

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion, and all the peoples, were fighting against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying: 2 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Go, and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire: 3 and thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon. 4 Yet hear the word of Jehovah, O Zedekiah king of Judah: Thus saith Jehovah concerning thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword; 5 thou shalt die in peace; and

with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings that were before thee, so shall they make a burning for thee; and they shall lament thee, *saying,* Ah Lord! for I have spoken the word, saith Jehovah.

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem, 7 when the king of Babylon's army was fighting against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and against Azekah; for these *alone* remained of the cities of Judah *as* fortified cities.

8 The word that came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people that were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them; 9 that every man should let his man-servant, and every man his maid-servant, that is a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free; that none should make bondmen of them, *to wit,* of a Jew his brother. 10 And all the princes and all the people obeyed, that had entered into the covenant, that every one should let his man-servant, and every one his maid-servant, go free, that none should make bondmen of them any more; they obeyed, and let them go: 11 but afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let

go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

12 Therefore the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, 13 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying, 14 At the end of seven years ye shall let go every man his brother that is a Hebrew, that hath been sold unto thee, and hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear. 15 And ye were now turned, and had done that which is right in mine eyes, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name: 16 but ye turned and profaned my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom ye had let go free at their pleasure, to return; and ye brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

17 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Ye have not hearkened unto me, to proclaim liberty, every man to his brother, and every man to his neighbor: behold, I proclaim unto you a liberty, saith Jehovah, to the sword, to the pes-

tilence, and to the famine; and I will make
you to be tossed to and fro among all the king-
doms of the earth. 18 And I will give the
men that have transgressed my covenant, that
have not performed the words of the cove-
nant which they made before me, when they
cut the calf in twain and passed between the
parts thereof; 19 the princes of Judah, and
the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and
the priests, and all the people of the land, that
passed between the parts of the calf; 20 I will
even give them into the hand of their enemies,
and into the hand of them that seek their life;
and their dead bodies shall be for food unto
the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of
the earth. 21 And Zedekiah king of Judah
and his princes will I give into the hand of
their enemies, and into the hand of them that
seek their life, and into the hand of the king
of Babylon's army, that are gone away from
you. 22 Behold, I will command, saith Je-
hovah, and cause them to return to this city;
and they shall fight against it, and take it, and
burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of
Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.

CHAPTER XXXV

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from
Jehovah in the days of Jehoiakim the son of
Josiah, king of Judah, saying, 2 Go unto the
house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them,
and bring them into the house of Jehovah, into
one of the chambers, and give them wine to
drink. 3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of
Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his
brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house
of the Rechabites; 4 and I brought them into
the house of Jehovah, into the chamber of the
sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man of
God, which was by the chamber of the princes,
which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the
son of Shallum, the keeper of the threshold.
5 And I set before the sons of the house of the
Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups; and
I said unto them, Drink ye wine. 6 But they
said, We will drink no wine; for Jonadab the
son of Rechab, our father, commanded us,
saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor
your sons, for ever: 7 neither shall ye build
house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor
have any; but all your days ye shall dwell in
tents; that ye may live many days in the land
wherein ye sojourn. 8 And we have obeyed
the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our

father, in all that he charged us, to drink no
wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or
our daughters; 9 nor to build houses for us
to dwell in; neither have we vineyard, nor
field, nor seed: 10 but we have dwelt in tents,
and have obeyed, and done according to all
that Jonadab our father commanded us. 11
But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar
king of Babylon came up into the land, that
we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem
for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for
fear of the army of the Syrians; so we dwell
at Jerusalem.

12 Then came the word of Jehovah unto
Jeremiah, saying, 13 Thus saith Jehovah of
hosts, the God of Israel: Go, and say to the
men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jeru-
salem, Will ye not receive instruction to
hearken to my words? saith Jehovah. 14 The
words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he
commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are
performed; and unto this day they drink none,
for they obey their father's commandment.
But I have spoken unto you, rising up early
and speaking; and ye have not hearkened unto
me. 15 I have sent also unto you all my serv-
ants the prophets, rising up early and sending
them, saying, Return ye now every man from

his evil way, and amend your doings, and go
not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall
dwell in the land which I have given to you
and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined
your ear, nor hearkened unto me. 16 Forasmuch as the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab
have performed the commandment of their
father which he commanded them, but this
people hath not hearkened unto me; 17 therefore thus saith Jehovah, the God of hosts, the
God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem
all the evil that I have pronounced against
them; because I have spoken unto them, but
they have not heard; and I have called unto
them, but they have not answered.

18 And Jeremiah said unto the house of
the Rechabites, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts,
the God of Israel: Because ye have obeyed the
commandment of Jonadab your father, and
kept all his precepts, and done according unto
all that he commanded you; 19 therefore thus
saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel:
Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a
man to stand before me for ever.

CHAPTER XXXVI

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, 2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. 3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of Jehovah, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book. 5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of Jehovah: 6 therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of Jehovah in the ears of the people in Jehovah's house upon the fast-day; and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities. 7 It may be they will present their supplication before

Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah.—xxxvi-4.

Jehovah, and will return every one from his evil way; for great is the anger and the wrath that Jehovah hath pronounced against this people. 8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of Jehovah in Jehovah's house.

9 Now it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem, and all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem, proclaimed a fast before Jehovah. 10 Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the new gate of Jehovah's house, in the ears of all the people.

11 And when Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of Jehovah, 12 he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the princes were sitting there, *to wit,* Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes. 13 Then Micaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when

Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.
14 Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the
son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the
son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thy
hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the
ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the
son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and
came unto them. 15 And they said unto him,
Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So
Baruch read it in their ears. 16 Now it came
to pass, when they had heard all the words,
they turned in fear one toward another, and
said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king
of all these words. 17 And they asked
Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou
write all these words at his mouth? 18 Then
Baruch answered them, He pronounced all
these words unto me with his mouth, and I
wrote them with ink in the book. 19 Then
said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee,
thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know
where ye are.

20 And they went in to the king into the
court; but they had laid up the roll in the
chamber of Elishama the scribe; and they told
all the words in the ears of the king. 21 So
the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll; and he
took it out of the chamber of Elishama the
scribe. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the

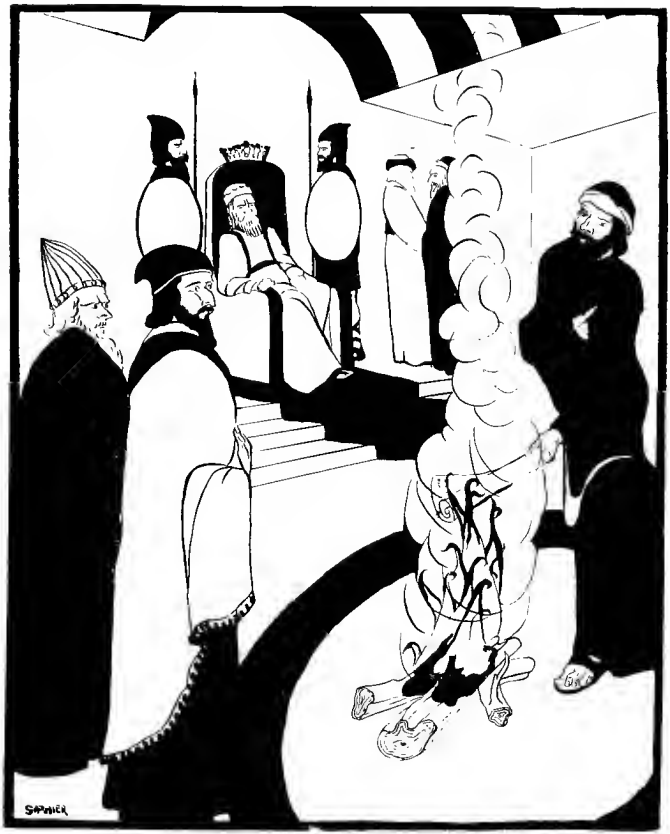
king, and in the ears of all the princes that
stood beside the king. 22 Now the king was
sitting in the winterhouse in the ninth month:
and *there was a fire in* the brazier burning be-
fore him. 23 And it came to pass, when
Jehudi had read three or four leaves, that *the*
king cut it with the penknife, and cast it into
the fire that was in the brazier, until all the
roll was consumed in the fire that was in the
brazier. 24 And they were not afraid, nor
rent their garments, neither the king, nor any
of his servants that heard all these words. 25
Moreover Elnathan and Delaiah and Gema-
riah had made intercession to the king that he
would not burn the roll; but he would not hear
them. 26 And the king commanded Jerah-
meel the king's son, and Seraiah the son of
Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to
take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the
prophet; but Jehovah hid them.

27 Then the word of Jehovah came to Jere-
miah, after that the king had burned the roll,
and the words which Baruch wrote at the
mouth of Jeremiah, saying, 28 Take thee
again another roll, and write in it all the
former words that were in the first roll, which
Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.
29 And concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah
thou shalt say, Thus saith Jehovah: Thou hast

burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The King of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? 30 Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David; and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. 31 And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them, but they hearkened not. 32 Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and there were added besides unto them many like words.

CHAPTER XXXVII

AND Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as king, instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. 2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land,



And cast it into the fire that was in the brazier.—xxxvi-23.

did hearken unto the words of Jehovah, which
he spake by the prophet Jeremiah.
3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the
son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of
Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah,
saying, Pray now unto Jehovah our God for
us. 4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out
among the people; for they had not put him
into prison. 5 And Pharaoh's army was come
forth out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans
that were besieging Jerusalem heard tidings
of them, they brake up from Jerusalem.
6 Then came the word of Jehovah unto the
prophet Jeremiah, saying, 7 Thus saith Je-
hovah, the God of Israel, Thus shall ye say to
the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to
inquire of me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which
is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt
into their own land. 8 And the Chaldeans
shall come again, and fight against this city;
and they shall take it, and burn it with fire.
9 Thus saith Jehovah, Deceive not yourselves,
saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart
from us; for they shall not depart. 10 For
though ye had smitten the whole army of the
Chaldeans that fight against you, and there re-
mained but wounded men among them, yet
would they rise up every man in his tent, and
burn this city with fire.

11 And it came to pass that, when the army
of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jeru-
salem for fear of Pharaoh's army, 12 then
Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go
into the land of Benjamin, to receive his por-
tion there, in the midst of the people. 13 And
when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a cap-
tain of the ward was there, whose name was
Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hana-
niah; and he laid hold on Jeremiah the
prophet, saying, Thou art falling away to the
Chaldeans. 14 Then said Jeremiah, It is
false; I am not falling away to the Chaldeans.
But he hearkened not to him; so Irijah laid
hold on Jeremiah, and brought him to the
princes. 15 And the princes were wroth with
Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in
prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for
they had made that the prison.

16 When Jeremiah was come into the dun-
geon-house, and into the cells, and Jeremiah
had remained there many days; 17 then Zede-
kiah the king sent, and fetched him: and the
king asked him secretly in his house, and said,
Is there any word from Jehovah? And Jere-
miah said, There is. He said also, Thou shalt
be delivered into the hand of the king of Baby-
lon. 18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto King
Zedekiah, Wherein have I sinned against thee,

or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison? 19 Where now are your prophets that prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land? 20 And now hear, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be presented before thee, that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there. 21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard; and they gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

CHAPTER XXXVIII

AND Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchijah, heard the words that Jeremiah spake unto all the people, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah, He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey, and he shall live. 3 Thus saith Je-

hovah, This city shall surely be given into the
hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and
he shall take it. 4 Then the princes said unto
the king, Let this man, we pray thee, be put to
death; forasmuch as he weakeneth the hands
of the men of war that remain in this city, and
the hands of all the people, in speaking such
words unto them: for this man seeketh not the
welfare of this people, but the hurt. 5 And
Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your
hand; for the king is not he that can do any-
thing against you. 6 *Then took they Jere-
miah, and cast him into the dungeon* of Mal-
chijah the king's son, that was in the court of
the guard: and they let down Jeremiah with
cords. And in the dungeon there was no
water, but mire; and Jeremiah sank in the
mire.

7 Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a
eunuch, who was in the king's house, heard that
they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon (the
king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin), 8
Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's
house, and spake to the king, saying, 9 My
lord the king, these men have done evil in all
that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet,
whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he
is like to die in the place where he is, because
of the famine; for there is no more bread in the

So they drew up Jeremiah with the cords, and took him up out of the dungeon.—xxxviii-13.

city. 10 Then the king commanded Ebed-
melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from
hence thirty men with thee, and *take up Jere-
miah the prophet out of the dungeon, before
he die.* 11 So Ebed-melech took the men
with him, and went into the house of the king
under the treasury, and took thence rags and
worn-out garments, and let them down by
cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. 12 And
Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jere-
miah, Put now these rags and worn-out gar-
ments under thine armholes under the cords.
And Jeremiah did so. 13 So they drew up
Jeremiah with the cords, and took him up out
of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the
court of the guard.

14 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took
Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third
entry that is in the house of Jehovah: and the
king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a
thing; hide nothing from me. 15 Then Jere-
miah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare it unto
thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and
if I give thee counsel, thou wilt not hearken
unto me. 16 So Zedekiah the king sware
secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As Jehovah
liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put
thee to death, neither will I give thee into the
hand of these men that seek thy life.

17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah,
Thus saith Jehovah, the God of hosts, the God
of Israel: If thou wilt go forth unto the king
of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live,
and this city shall not be burned with fire; and
thou shalt live, and thy house. 18 But if thou
wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's
princes, then shall this city be given into the
hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it
with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their
hand. 19 And Zedekiah the king said unto
Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are
fallen away to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver
me into their hand, and they mock me. 20
But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver thee.
Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of Jehovah, in
that which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well
with thee, and thy soul shall live. 21 But if
thou refuse to go forth, this is the word that
Jehovah hath showed me: 22 Behold, all the
women that are left in the king of Judah's
house shall be brought forth to the king of
Babylon's princes, and those women shall say,
Thy familiar friends have set thee on, and have
prevailed over thee: *now that* thy feet are sunk
in the mire, they are turned away back. 23
And they shall bring out all thy wives and thy
children to the Chaldeans; and thou shalt not
escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by

And they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans; and thou shalt not escape out of their hand.—xxxviii-23.

the hand of the king of Babylon: and thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire.

24 Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die. 25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king; hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee: 26 then thou shalt say unto them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there. 27 Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him; and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived. 28 So Jeremiah abode in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

CHAPTER XXXIX

AND it came to pass when Jerusalem was taken (in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and besieged it; 2 in the

eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city), 3 that all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, *to wit,* Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, Rab-saris, Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, with all the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon.

4 And it came to pass that, when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, through the gate betwixt the two walls; and he went out toward the Arabah. 5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he gave judgment upon him. 6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. 7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. 8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem. 9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away cap-

But the army of the Chaldeans' pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho.—xxxix-5.

tive into Babylon the residue of the people that remained in the city, the deserters also that fell away to him, and the residue of the people that remained. 10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, that had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

11 Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying, 12 Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee. 13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushazban, Rab-saris, and Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon; 14 they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard, and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home. So he dwelt among the people.

15 Now the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the guard, saying, 16 Go, and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished before thee in that day. 17 But I will

deliver thee in that day, saith Jehovah; and
thou shalt not be given into the hand of the
men of whom thou art afraid. 18 For I will
surely save thee, and thou shalt not fall by the
sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto
thee; because thou hast put thy trust in me,
saith Jehovah.

CHAPTER XL

THE word which came to Jeremiah from
Jehovah, after that Nebuzaradan the captain
of the guard had let him go from Ramah,
when he had taken him being bound in chains
among all the captives of Jerusalem and
Judah, that were carried away captive unto
Babylon. 2 And the captain of the guard
took Jeremiah, and said unto him, Jehovah thy
God pronounced this evil upon this place; 3
and Jehovah hath brought it, and done accord-
ing as he spake: because ye have sinned against
Jehovah, and have not obeyed his voice, there-
fore this thing is come upon you. 4 And now,
behold, I loose thee this day from the chains
which are upon thy hand. If it seem good
unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come,
and I will look well unto thee; but if it seem
ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon,

forbear: behold, all the land is before thee; whither it seemeth good and right unto thee to go, thither go. 5 Now while he was not yet gone back, Go back then, *said he,* to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people; or go wheresoever it seemeth right unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a present, and let him go. 6 Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

7 Now when all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poorest of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon; 8 then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, *to wit,* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jazaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. 9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and

to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the
Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the
king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.
10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah,
to stand before the Chaldeans that shall come
unto us: but ye, gather ye wine and summer
fruits and oil, and put them in your vessels,
and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.
11 Likewise when all the Jews that were in
Moab, and among the children of Ammon,
and in Edom, and that were in all the coun-
tries, heard that the king of Babylon had left
a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over
them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of
Shaphan; 12 then all the Jews returned out of
all places whither they were driven, and came
to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Miz-
pah, and gathered wine and summer fruits
very much.

13 Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah,
and all the captains of the forces that were in
the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, 14
and said unto him, Dost thou know that Baalis
the king of the children of Ammon hath sent
Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take thy life?
But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them
not. 15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah
spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying,
Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael

the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it: wherefore should he take thy life, that all the Jews that are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish? 16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing; for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

CHAPTER XLI

Now it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal and *one of* the chief officers of the king, and ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah. 2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land. 3 Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, *to wit,* with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, the men of war.

4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew it, 5 that there came men from Shechem, from

Shiloh, and from Samaria, even fourscore
men, having their beards shaven and their
clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with
meal-offerings and frankincense in their hand,
to bring them to the house of Jehovah. 6
And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth
from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along
as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them,
he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son
of Ahikam. 7 And it was so, when they came
into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son
of Nethaniah slew them, *and cast them* into the
midst of the pit, he, and the men that were
with him. 8 But ten men were found among
them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not; for
we have stores hidden in the field, of wheat,
and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he
forbare, and slew them not among their breth-
ren. 9 Now the pit wherein Ishmael cast all
the dead bodies of the men whom he had slain,
by the side of Gedaliah (the same was that
which Asa the king had made for fear of
Baasha king of Israel), Ishmael the son of
Nethaniah filled it with them that were slain.
10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the
residue of the people that were in Mizpah,
even the king's daughters, and all the people
that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan
the captain of the guard had committed to

Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the children of Ammon.

11 But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, 12 then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon. 13 Now it came to pass that, when all the people that were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, then they were glad. 14 So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned about and came back, and went unto Johanan, the son of Kareah. 15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the children of Ammon. 16 Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, *to wit,* the men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon. 17 And they departed and dwelt in

Geruth Chimham, which is by Bethlehem, to
go to enter into Egypt, 18 because of the
Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, be-
cause Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king
of Babylon made governor over the land.

CHAPTER XLII

THEN all the captains of the forces, and
Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the
son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the
least even unto the greatest, came near, 2 and
said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we pray
thee, our supplication be presented before
thee, and pray for us unto Jehovah thy God,
even for all this remnant (for we are left but a
few of many, as thine eyes do behold us), 3
that Jehovah thy God may show us the way
wherein we should walk, and the thing that we
should do. 4 Then Jeremiah the prophet
said unto them, I have heard you; behold, I
will pray unto Jehovah your God according
to your words; and it shall come to pass that
whatsoever thing Jehovah shall answer you, I
will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing
back from you. 5 Then they said to Jere-
miah, Jehovah be a true and faithful witness

amongst us, if we do not according to all the
word wherewith Jehovah thy God shall send
thee to us. 6 Whether it be good, or
whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of
Jehovah our God, to whom we send thee; that
it may be well with us, when we obey the voice
of Jehovah our God.

7 And it came to pass after ten days, that
the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah. 8
Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah,
and all the captains of the forces that were
with him, and all the people from the least
even to the greatest, 9 and said unto them,
Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, unto
whom ye sent me to present your supplication
before him: 10 If ye will still abide in this
land, then will I build you, and not pull you
down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you
up; for I repent me of the evil that I have done
unto you. 11 Be not afraid of the king of
Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid
of him, saith Jehovah: for I am with you to
save you, and to deliver you from his hand.
12 And I will grant you mercy, that he may
have mercy upon you, and cause you to return
to your own land. 13 But if ye say, We will
not dwell in this land; so that ye obey not the
voice of Jehovah your God, 14 saying, No;
but we will go into the land of Egypt, where

we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the
trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there
will we dwell: 15 now therefore hear ye the
word of Jehovah, O remnant of Judah: Thus
saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, If ye
indeed set your faces to enter into Egypt, and
go to sojourn there; 16 then it shall come to
pass, that the sword, which ye fear, shall over-
take you there in the land of Egypt; and the
famine, whereof ye are afraid, shall follow
hard after you there in Egypt; and there ye
shall die. 17 So shall it be with all the men
that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn
there: they shall die by the sword, by the
famine, and by the pestilence; and none of
them shall remain or escape from the evil that
I will bring upon them.

18 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God
of Israel: As mine anger and my wrath hath
been poured forth upon the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, so shall my wrath be poured forth
upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt; and
ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment,
and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see
this place no more. 19 Jehovah hath spoken
concerning you, O remnant of Judah, Go ye
not into Egypt: know certainly that I have
testified unto you this day. 20 For ye have
dealt deceitfully against your own souls; for

ye sent me unto Jehovah your God, saying,
Pray for us unto Jehovah our God; and ac-
cording unto all that Jehovah our God shall
say, so declare unto us, and we will do it. 21
And I have this day declared it to you; but ye
have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah your
God in anything for which he hath sent me
unto you. 22 Now therefore know certainly
that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine,
and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye
desire to go to sojourn there.

CHAPTER XLIII

AND it came to pass that, when Jeremiah
had made an end of speaking unto all the peo-
ple all the words of Jehovah their God, where-
with Jehovah their God had sent him to them,
even all these words, 2 then spake Azariah the
son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of
Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto
Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: Jehovah our
God hath not sent thee to say, Ye shall not go
into Egypt to sojourn there; 3 but Baruch the
son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, to de-
liver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that
they may put us to death, and carry us away
captive to Babylon. 4 So Johanan the son of

Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and
all the people, obeyed not the voice of Jehovah,
to dwell in the land of Judah. 5 But Johanan
the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the
forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that
were returned from all the nations whither
they had been driven, to sojourn in the land of
Judah; 6 the men, and the women, and the
children, and the king's daughters, and every
person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the
guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahi-
kam, the son of Shaphan; and Jeremiah the
prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah. 7
And they came into the land of Egypt; for they
obeyed not the voice of Jehovah: and they
came unto Tahpanhes.

8 Then came the word of Jehovah unto
Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, 9 Take great
stones in thy hand, and hide them in mortar
in the brickwork, which is at the entry of
Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of
the men of Judah; 10 and say unto them, Thus
saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Be-
hold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the
king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his
throne upon these stones that I have hid; and
he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.
11 And he shall come, and shall smite the land
of Egypt; such as are for death *shall be given*

Took all the remnant of Judah that were returned from all the nations whither they had been driven.—xliii-5.

to death, and such as are for captivity to captivity, and such as are for the sword to the sword. 12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captive; and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace. 13 He shall also break the pillars of Beth-shemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of Egypt shall he burn with fire.

CHAPTER XLIV

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews that dwelt in the land of Egypt, that dwelt at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Memphis, and in the country of Pathros, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein, 3 because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, *and* to serve other gods, that they knew not, neither they,

nor ye, nor your fathers. 4 Howbeit I sent
unto you all my servants the prophets, rising
up early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not
this abominable thing that I hate. 5 But they
hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn
from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto
other gods. 6 Wherefore my wrath and mine
anger was poured forth, and was kindled in
the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jeru-
salem; and they are wasted and desolate, as
it is this day. 7 Therefore now thus saith Je-
hovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel:
Wherefore commit ye *this* great evil against
your own souls, to cut off from you man and
woman, infant and suckling, out of the midst
of Judah, to leave you none remaining; 8 in
that ye provoke me unto anger with the works
of your hands, burning incense unto other gods
in the land of Egypt, whither ye are gone to so-
journ; that ye may be cut off, and that ye may
be a curse and a reproach among all the na-
tions of the earth? 9 Have ye forgotten the
wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness
of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of
their wives, and your own wickedness, and the
wickedness of your wives, which they com-
mitted in the land of Judah, and in the streets
of Jerusalem? 10 They are not humbled even
unto this day, neither have they feared, nor

For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem.—xliv-13.

walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set
before you and before your fathers.
11 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts,
the God of Israel: Behold, I will set my face
against you for evil, even to cut off all Judah.
12 And I will take the remnant of Judah, that
have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt
to sojourn there, and they shall all be con-
sumed; in the land of Egypt shall they fall;
they shall be consumed by the sword and by
the famine; they shall die, from the least even
unto the greatest, by the sword and by the
famine; and they shall be an execration, *and*
an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.
13 For I will punish them that dwell in the
land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem,
by the sword, by the famine, and by the pesti-
lence; 14 so that none of the remnant of Judah,
that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn
there, shall escape or be left, to return into the
land of Judah, to which they have a desire to
return to dwell there: for none shall return
save such as shall escape.
15 Then all the men who knew that their
wives burned incense unto other gods, and all
the women that stood by, a great assembly,
even all the people that dwelt in the land of
Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,
16 As for the word that thou hast spoken unto

us in the name of Jehovah, we will not hearken
unto thee. 17 But we will certainly perform
every word that is gone forth out of our mouth,
to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and
to pour out drink-offerings unto her, as we
have done, we and our fathers, our kings and
our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the
streets of Jerusalem; for then had we plenty of
victuals, and were well, and saw no evil. 18
But since we left off burning incense to the
queen of heaven, and pouring out drink-offer-
ings unto her, we have wanted all things, and
have been consumed by the sword and by the
famine. 19 And when we burned incense to
the queen of heaven, and poured out drink-
offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to
worship her, and pour out drink-offerings unto
her, without our husbands?

20 Then Jeremiah said unto all the people,
to the men, and to the women, even to all the
people that had given him that answer, saying,
21 The incense that ye burned in the cities of
Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye and
your fathers, your kings and your princes, and
the people of the land, did not Jehovah re-
member them, and came it not into his mind?
22 so that Jehovah could no longer bear, be-
cause of the evil of your doings, and because
of the abominations which ye have committed;

therefore is your land become a desolation, and
an astonishment, and a curse, without inhabi-
tant, as it is this day. 23 Because ye have
burned incense, and because ye have sinned
against Jehovah, and have not obeyed the voice
of Jehovah, nor walked in his law, nor in his
statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this
evil is happened unto you, as it is this day.

24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the
people, and to all the women, Hear the word
of Jehovah, all Judah that are in the land of
Egypt: 25 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the
God of Israel, saying, Ye and your wives have
both spoken with your mouths, and with your
hands have fulfilled it, saying, We will surely
perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn
incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out
drink-offerings unto her: establish then your
vows, and perform your vows. 26 Therefore
hear ye the word of Jehovah, all Judah that
dwell in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have
sworn by my great name, saith Jehovah, that
my name shall no more be named in the mouth
of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt,
saying, As the Lord Jehovah liveth. 27 Be-
hold, I watch over them for evil, and not for
good; and all the men of Judah that are in the
land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword
and by the famine, until there be an end of

them. 28 And they that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, few in number; and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose word shall stand, mine, or theirs. 29 And this shall be the sign unto you, saith Jehovah, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil: 30 Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, who was his enemy, and sought his life.

CHAPTER XLV

THE word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch: 3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for Jehovah hath added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest. 4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, Thus saith

Jehovah: Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up; and this in the whole land. 5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not; for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith Jehovah; but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

CHAPTER XLVI

THE word of Jehovah which came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

2 Of Egypt: concerning the army of Pharaoh-neco king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah.

3 Prepare ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. 4 Harness the horses, and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, put on the coats of mail. 5 Wherefore have I seen it? they are dismayed and are turned backward; and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back: terror is on every side, saith Jehovah. 6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; in the

north by the river Euphrates have they stumbled and fallen. 7 Who is this that riseth up like the Nile, whose waters toss themselves like the rivers? 8 Egypt riseth up like the Nile, and his waters toss themselves like the rivers: and he saith, I will rise up, I will cover the earth; I will destroy cities and the inhabitants thereof. 9 Go up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men go forth: Cush and Put, that handle the shield; and the Ludim, that handle and bend the bow. 10 For that day is *a day* of the Lord Jehovah of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour and be satiate, and shall drink its fill of their blood; for the Lord Jehovah of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the River Euphrates. 11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt: in vain dost thou use many medicines; there is no healing for thee. 12 The nations have heard of thy shame, and the earth is full of thy cry; for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, they are fallen both of them together.

13 The word that Jehovah spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt.

14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in
Migdol, and publish in Memphis and in Tah-
panhes: say ye, Stand forth, and prepare thee;
for the sword hath devoured round about thee.
15 Why are thy strong ones swept away? they
stood not, because Jehovah did drive them.
16 He made many to stumble, yea, they fell
one upon another: and they said, Arise, and
let us go again to our own people, and to the
land of our nativity, from the oppressing
sword. 17 They cried there, Pharaoh king of
Egypt is but a noise; he hath let the appointed
time pass by. 18 As I live, saith the King,
whose name is Jehovah of hosts, surely like
Tabor among the mountains, and like Carmel
by the sea, so shall he come. 19 O thou
daughter that dwellest in Egypt, furnish thy-
self to go into captivity; for Memphis shall
become a desolation, and shall be burnt up,
without inhabitant. 20 Egypt is a very fair
heifer; *but* destruction out of the north is come,
it is come. 21 Also her hired men in the
midst of her are like calves of the stall; for
they also are turned back, they are fled away
together, they did not stand: for the day of
their calamity is come upon them, the time of
their visitation. 22 The sound thereof shall
go like the serpent; for they shall march with
an army, and come against her with axes, as

hewers of wood. 23 They shall cut down her
forest, saith Jehovah, though it cannot be
searched; because they are more than the
locusts, and are innumerable. 24 The daugh-
ter of Egypt shall he put to shame; she shall
be delivered into the hand of the people of the
north. 25 Jehovah of hosts, the God of
Israel, saith: Behold, I will punish Amon of
No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her gods,
and her kings; even Pharaoh, and them that
trust in him: 26 and I will deliver them into
the hand of those that seek their lives, and into
the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon,
and into the hand of his servants; and after-
wards it shall be inhabited, as in the days of
old, saith Jehovah.

27 But fear not thou, O Jacob my servant,
neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will
save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land
of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and
shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make
him afraid. 28 Fear not thou, O Jacob my
servant, saith Jehovah; for I am with thee:
for I will make a full end of all the nations
whither I have driven thee; but I will not
make a full end of thee, but I will correct thee
in measure, and will in no wise leave thee un-
punished.

CHAPTER XLVII

THE word of Jehovah that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza.

2 Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall become an overflowing stream, and shall overflow the land and all that is therein, the city and them that dwell therein; and the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall wail. 3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong ones, at the rushing of his chariots, at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers look not back to their children for feebleness of hands; 4 because of the day that cometh to destroy all the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper that remaineth: for Jehovah will destroy the Philistines, the remnant of the isle of Caphtor. 5 Baldness is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is brought to naught, the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself? 6 O thou sword of Jehovah, how long will it be ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard; rest, and be still. 7 How canst thou be quiet, seeing Jehovah hath given thee a charge? Against Ashkelon, and against the sea-shore, there hath he appointed it.

OF Moab. Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the
God of Israel: Woe unto Nebo! for it is laid
waste; Kiriathaim is put to shame, it is taken;
Misgab is put to shame and broken down. 2
The praise of Moab is no more; in Heshbon
they have devised evil against her: Come, and
let us cut her off from being a nation. Thou
also, O Madmen, shalt be brought to silence;
the sword shall pursue thee. 3 The sound of
a cry from Horonaim, desolation and great de-
struction! 4 Moab is destroyed; her little
ones have caused a cry to be heard. 5 For by
the ascent of Luhith with continual weeping
shall they go up; for at the descent of Horo-
naim they have heard the distress of the cry of
destruction. 6 Flee, save your lives, and be
like the heath in the wilderness. 7 For, be-
cause thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy
treasures, thou also shalt be taken: and Che-
mosh shall go forth into captivity, his priests
and his princes together. 8 And the destroyer
shall come upon every city, and no city shall
escape; the valley also shall perish, and the
plain shall be destroyed; as Jehovah hath
spoken. 9 Give wings unto Moab, that she
may fly and get her away: and her cities shall
become a desolation, without any to dwell

therein. 10 Cursed be he that doeth the work
of Jehovah negligently; and cursed be he that
keepeth back his sword from blood.

11 Moab hath been at ease from his youth,
and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not
been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither
hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste
remaineth in him, and his scent is not changed.
12 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Je-
hovah, that I will send unto him them that
pour off, and they shall pour him off; and they
shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles
in pieces. 13 And Moab shall be ashamed of
Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed
of Beth-el their confidence. 14 How say ye,
We are mighty men, and valiant men for the
war? 15 Moab is laid waste, and they are
gone up into his cities, and his chosen young
men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the
King, whose name is Jehovah of hosts. 16
The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his
affliction hasteth fast. 17 All ye that are
round about him, bemoan him, and all ye that
know his name; say, How is the strong staff
broken, the beautiful rod! 18 O thou daugh-
ter that dwellest in Dibon, come down from
thy glory, and sit in thirst; for the destroyer of
Moab is come up against thee, he hath de-

stroyed thy strongholds. 19 O inhabitant of
Aroer, stand by the way, and watch: ask him
that fleeth, and her that escapeth; say, What
hath been done? 20 Moab is put to shame;
for it is broken down: wail and cry; tell ye it
by the Arnon, that Moab is laid waste. 21
And judgment is come upon the plain country,
upon Holon, and upon Jahzah, and upon
Mephaath, 22 and upon Dibon, and upon
Nebo, and upon Beth-diblathaim, 23 and upon
Kiriathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon
Beth-meon, 24 and upon Kerioth, and upon
Bozrah, and upon all the cities of the land of
Moab, far or near. 25 The horn of Moab is
cut off, and his arm is broken, saith Jehovah.

26 Make ye him drunken; for he magnified
himself against Jehovah: and Moab shall wal-
low in his vomit, and he also shall be in deri-
sion. 27 For was not Israel a derision unto
thee? was he found among thieves? for as often
as thou speakest of him, thou waggest the head.
28 O ye inhabitants of Moab, leave the cities,
and dwell in the rock; and be like the dove
that maketh her nest over the mouth of the
abyss. 29 We have heard of the pride of
Moab, *that* he is very proud; his loftiness, and
his pride, and his arrogancy, and the haughti-
ness of his heart. 30 I know his wrath, saith
Jehovah, that it is naught; his boastings have

wrought nothing. 31 Therefore will I wail
for Moab; yea, I will cry out for all Moab:
for the men of Kir-heres shall they mourn.
32 With more than the weeping of Jazer will
I weep for thee, O vine of Sibmah: thy
branches passed over the sea, they reached even
to the sea of Jazer: upon thy summer fruits
and upon thy vintage the destroyer is fallen.
33 And gladness and joy is taken away from
the fruitful field and from the land of Moab;
and I have caused wine to cease from the wine-
presses: none shall tread with shouting; the
shouting shall be no shouting. 34 From the
cry of Heshbon even unto Elealeh, even unto
Jahaz have they uttered their voice, from Zoar
even unto Horonaim, to Eglath-shelishiyah:
for the waters of Nimrim also shall become
desolate. 35 Moreover I will cause to cease
in Moab, saith Jehovah, him that offereth in
the high place, and him that burneth incense
to his gods.

36 Therefore my heart soundeth for Moab
like pipes, and my heart soundeth like pipes
for the men of Kir-heres: therefore the abund-
ance that he hath gotten is perished. 37 For
every head is bald, and every beard clipped:
upon all the hands are cuttings, and upon the
loins sackcloth. 38 On all the housetops of
Moab and in the streets thereof there is la-

mentation every where; for I have broken
Moab like a vessel wherein none delighteth,
saith Jehovah. 39 How is it broken down!
how do they wail! how hath Moab turned the
back with shame! so shall Moab become a de-
rision and a terror to all that are round about
him. 40 For thus saith Jehovah: Behold, he
shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread out his
wings against Moab. 41 Kerioth is taken,
and the strongholds are seized, and the heart
of the mighty men of Moab at that day shall
be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. 42
And Moab shall be destroyed from being a
people, because he hath magnified himself
against Jehovah. 43 Fear, and the pit, and
the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitants of
Moab, saith Jehovah. 44 He that fleeth from
the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that get-
teth up out of the pit shall be taken in the
snare: for I will bring upon him, even upon
Moab, the year of their visitation, saith Je-
hovah.

45 They that fled stand without strength
under the shadow of Heshbon; for a fire is
gone forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from
the midst of Sihon, and hath devoured the cor-
ner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the
tumultuous ones. 46 Woe unto thee, O
Moab! the people of Chemosh is undone; for

thy sons are taken away captive, and thy daughters into captivity. 47 Yet will I bring back the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith Jehovah. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

CHAPTER XLIX

OF the children of Ammon. Thus saith Jehovah: Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why then doth Malcam possess Gad, and his people dwell in the cities thereof? 2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard against Rabbah of the children of Ammon; and it shall become a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel possess them that did possess him, saith Jehovah. 3 Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai is laid waste; cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth: lament, and run to and fro among the fences; for Malcam shall go into captivity, his priests and his princes together. 4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, *saying,* Who shall come unto me? 5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts,

from all that are round about thee; and ye
shall be driven out every man right forth, and
there shall be none to gather together the fugi-
tives. 6 But afterward I will bring back the
captivity of the children of Ammon, saith Je-
hovah.

7 Of Edom. Thus saith Jehovah of hosts:
Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel per-
ished from the prudent? is their wisdom van-
ished? 8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell in the
depths, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will
bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time
that I shall visit him. 9 If grape-gatherers
came to thee, would they not leave some glean-
ing grapes? if thieves by night, would they not
destroy till they had enough? 10 But I have
made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret
places, and he shall not be able to hide him-
self: his seed is destroyed, and his brethren,
and his neighbors; and he is not. 11 Leave
thy fatherless children, I will preserve them
alive; and let thy widows trust in me. 12 For
thus saith Jehovah: Behold, they to whom it
pertained not to drink of the cup shall assur-
edly drink; and art thou he that shall alto-
gether go unpunished? thou shalt not go un-
punished, but thou shalt surely drink. 13 For
I have sworn by myself, saith Jehovah, that

Bozrah shall become an astonishment, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

14 I have heard tidings from Jehovah, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, *saying,* Gather yourselves together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle. 15 For, behold, I have made thee small among the nations, and despised among men. 16 As for thy terribleness, the pride of thy heart hath deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith Jehovah. 17 And Edom shall become an astonishment: every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. 18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities thereof, saith Jehovah, no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein. 19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoso is chosen, him will I appoint over it: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd that will stand before me?

20 Therefore hear ye the counsel of Jehovah, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath proposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely they shall drag them away, *even* the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them. 21 The earth trembleth at the noise of their fall; there is a cry, the noise whereof is heard in the Red Sea. 22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread out his wings against Bozrah: and the heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 Of Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad; for they have heard evil tidings, they are melted away: there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet. 24 Damascus is waxed feeble, she turneth herself to flee, and trembling hath seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in travail. 25 How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy? 26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, saith Jehovah of hosts. 27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.

28 Of Kedar, and the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote.

Thus saith Jehovah: Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and destroy the children of the east. 29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take; they shall carry away for themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Terror on every side! 30 Flee ye, wander far off, dwell in the depths, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith Jehovah; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you. 31 Arise, get you up into a nation that is at ease, that dwelleth without care, saith Jehovah; that have neither gates nor bars, that dwell alone. 32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter unto all winds them that have the corners *of their hair* cut off; and I will bring their calamity from every side of them, saith Jehovah. 33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling-place of jackals, a desolation for ever: no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein.

34 The word of Jehovah that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, in the be-

ginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, 35 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might. 36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come. 37 And I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life; and I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith Jehovah; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them: 38 and I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence king and princes, saith Jehovah. 39 But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring back the captivity of Elam, saith Jehovah.

CHAPTER L

THE word that Jehovah spake concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet.

2 Declare ye among the nations and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is put to

shame, Merodach is dismayed; her images
are put to shame, her idols are dismayed. 3
For out of the north there cometh up a nation
against her, which shall make her land deso-
late, and none shall dwell therein: they are
fled, they are gone, both man and beast. 4 In
those days, and in that time, saith Jehovah, the
children of Israel shall come, they and the chil-
dren of Judah together; they shall go on their
way weeping, and shall seek Jehovah their
God. 5 They shall inquire concerning Zion
with their faces thitherward, *saying,* Come ye,
and join yourselves to Jehovah in an everlast-
ing covenant that shall not be forgotten.

6 My people have been lost sheep: their
shepherds have caused them to go astray;
they have turned them away on the mountains;
they have gone from mountain to hill; they
have forgotten their resting-place. 7 All that
found them have devoured them; and their
adversaries said, We are not guilty, because
they have sinned against Jehovah, the habi-
tation of righteousness, even Jehovah, the hope
of their fathers. 8 Flee out of the midst of
Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the
Chaldeans, and be as the he-goats before the
flocks. 9 For, lo, I will stir up and cause to
come up against Babylon a company of great
nations from the north country; and they shall

set themselves in array against her; from
thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall
be as of an expert mighty man; none shall re-
turn in vain. 10 And Chaldea shall be a
prey: all that prey upon her shall be satis-
fied, saith Jehovah.

11 Because ye are glad, because ye rejoice,
O ye that plunder my heritage, because ye are
wanton as a heifer that treadeth out *the grain,*
and neigh as strong horses; 12 your mother
shall be utterly put to shame; she that bare
you shall be confounded: behold, she shall be
the hindermost of the nations, a wilderness, a
dry land, and a desert. 13 Because of the
wrath of Jehovah she shall not be inhabited,
but she shall be wholly desolate: every one
that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and
hiss at all her plagues. 14 Set yourselves in
array against Babylon round about, all ye that
bend the bow; shoot at her, spare no arrows:
for she hath sinned against Jehovah. 15
Shout against her round about: she hath sub-
mitted herself; her bulwarks are fallen, her
walls are thrown down; for it is the vengeance
of Jehovah: take vengeance upon her; as she
hath done, do unto her. 16 Cut off the sower
from Babylon, and him that handleth the
sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the
oppressing sword they shall turn every one to

his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

17 Israel is a hunted sheep; the lions have driven him away: first, the king of Assyria devoured him; and now at last Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. 18 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. 19 And I will bring Israel again to his pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead. 20 In those days, and in that time, saith Jehovah, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I leave as a remnant.

21 Go up against the land of Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: slay and utterly destroy after them, saith Jehovah, and do according to all that I have commanded thee. 22 A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction. 23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! 24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art

found, and also caught, because thou hast
striven against Jehovah. 25 Jehovah hath
opened his armory, and hath brought forth the
weapons of his indignation; for the Lord, Je-
hovah of hosts, hath a work *to do* in the land
of the Chaldeans. 26 Come against her from
the utmost border; open her store-houses; cast
her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly; let
nothing of her be left. 27 Slay all her bul-
locks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe
unto them! for their day is come, the time of
their visitation. 28 The voice of them that
flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to
declare in Zion the vengeance of Jehovah our
God, the vengeance of his temple.

29 Call together the archers against Baby-
lon, all them that bend the bow; encamp
against her round about; let none thereof es-
cape: recompense her according to her work;
according to all that she hath done, do unto
her; for she hath been proud against Jehovah,
against the Holy One of Israel. 30 There-
fore shall her young men fall in her streets,
and all her men of war shall be brought to
silence in that day, saith Jehovah. 31 Be-
hold, I am against thee, O thou proud one,
saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts; for thy day is
come, the time that I will visit thee. 32 And
the proud one shall stumble and fall, and none

shall raise him up; and I will kindle a fire in
his cities, and it shall devour all that are round
about him.

33 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: The chil-
dren of Israel and the children of Judah are
oppressed together; and all that took them
captive hold fast; they refuse to let them go.
34 Their Redeemer is strong; Jehovah of
hosts is his name: he will thoroughly plead
their cause, that he may give rest to the earth,
and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon. 35
A sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith Jehovah,
and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon
her princes, and upon her wise men. 36 A
sword is upon the boasters, and they shall be-
come fools; a sword is upon her mighty men,
and they shall be dismayed. 37 A sword is
upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and
upon all the mingled people that are in the
midst of her; and they shall become as women:
a sword is upon her treasures, and they shall
be robbed. 38 A drought is upon her waters,
and they shall be dried up; for it is a land of
graven images, and they are mad over idols.
39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with
the wolves shall dwell there, and the ostriches
shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more in-
habited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in
from generation to generation. 40 As when

God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities thereof, saith Jehovah, so shall no man dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein.

41 Behold, a people cometh from the north; and a great nation and many kings shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth. 42 They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, every one set in array, as a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon. 43 The king of Babylon hath heard the tidings of them, and his hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of him, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail. 44 Behold, *the enemy* shall come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoso is chosen, him will I appoint over it: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd that can stand before me? 45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of Jehovah, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely they shall drag them away, *even* the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them. 46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the

earth trembleth, and the cry is heard among the nations.

CHAPTER LI

THUS saith Jehovah: Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in Leb-kamai, a destroying wind. 2 And I will send unto Babylon strangers, that shall winnow her; and they shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about. 3 Against *him that* bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against *him that* lifteth himself up in his coat of mail: and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host. 4 And they shall fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans, and thrust through in her streets.

5 For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, of his God, of Jehovah of hosts; though their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel. 6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and save every man his life; be not cut off in her iniquity: for it is the time of Jehovah's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompense. 7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in Jehovah's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. 8 Babylon is

suddenly fallen and destroyed: wail for her;
take balm for her pain, if so be she may be
healed. 9 We would have healed Babylon,
but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us
go every one into his own country; for her
judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted
up even to the skies. 10 Jehovah hath
brought forth our righteousness: come, and let
us declare in Zion the work of Jehovah our
God.

11 Make sharp the arrows, hold firm the
shields: Jehovah hath stirred up the spirit of
the kings of the Medes; because his purpose
is against Babylon, to destroy it: for it is the
vengeance of Jehovah, the vengeance of his
temple. 12 Set up a standard against the
walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set
the watchmen, prepare the ambushes; for Je-
hovah hath both purposed and done that which
he spake concerning the inhabitants of Baby-
lon. 13 O thou that dwellest upon many wa-
ters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come,
the measure of thy covetousness. 14 Jeho-
vah of hosts hath sworn by himself, *saying,*
Surely I will fill thee with men, as with the
canker-worm; and they shall lift up a shout
against thee.

15 He hath made the earth by his power, he
hath established the world by his wisdom, and

by his understanding hath he stretched out the
heavens. 16 When he uttereth his voice,
there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and
he causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends
of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the
rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his
treasuries. 17 Every man is become brutish
and is without knowledge; every goldsmith is
put to shame by his image; for his molten
image is falsehood, and there is no breath in
them. 18 They are vanity, a work of delu-
sion: in the time of their visitation they shall
perish. 19 The portion of Jacob is not like
these; for he is the former of all things; and
Israel is the tribe of his inheritance: Jehovah
of hosts is his name.

20 Thou art my battle-axe and weapons of
war: and with thee will I break in pieces the
nations; and with thee will I destroy king-
doms; 21 and with thee will I break in pieces
the horse and his rider; 22 and with thee will
I break in pieces the chariot and him that rid-
eth therein; and with thee will I break in
pieces man and woman; and with thee will I
break in pieces the old man and the youth;
and with thee will I break in pieces the young
man and the virgin; 23 and with thee will I
break in pieces the shepherd and his flock;
and with thee will I break in pieces the hus-

bandman and his yoke *of oxen;* and with thee
will I break in pieces governors and deputies.
24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all
the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that
they have done in Zion in your sight, saith
Jehovah.

25 Behold, I am against thee, O destroying
mountain, saith Jehovah, which destroyest all
the earth; and I will stretch out my hand upon
thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and
will make thee a burnt mountain. 26 And
they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner,
nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be
desolate for ever, saith Jehovah.

27 Set ye up a standard in the land, blow
the trumpet among the nations, prepare the
nations against her, call together against her
the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ash-
kenaz: appoint a marshal against her; cause
the horses to come up as the rough canker-
worm. 28 Prepare against her the nations,
the kings of the Medes, the governors thereof,
and all the deputies thereof, and all the land of
their dominion. 29 And the land trembleth
and is in pain; for the purposes of Jehovah
against Babylon do stand, to make the land of
Babylon a desolation, without inhabitant. 30
The mighty men of Babylon have forborne
to fight, they remain in their strongholds; their

might hath failed; they are become as women:
her dwelling-places are set on fire; her bars
are broken. 31 One post shall run to meet
another, and one messenger to meet another,
to show the king of Babylon that his city is
taken on every quarter: 32 and the passages
are seized, and the reeds they have burned
with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

33 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God
of Israel: The daughter of Babylon is like a
threshing-floor at the time when it is trodden;
yet a little while, and the time of harvest shall
come for her. 34 Nebuchadrezzar the king
of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed
me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath,
like a monster, swallowed me up, he hath filled
his maw with my delicacies; he hath cast me
out. 35 The violence done to me and to my
flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of
Zion say; and, My blood be upon the inhabi-
tants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say. 36
Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will
plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee;
and I will dry up her sea, and make her foun-
tain dry. 37 And Babylon shall become
heaps, a dwelling-place for jackals, an aston-
ishment, and a hissing, without inhabitant.
38 They shall roar together like young lions;
they shall growl as lions' whelps. 39 When

they are heated, I will make their feast, and I
will make them drunken, that they may re-
joice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not
wake, saith Jehovah. 40 I will bring them
down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams
with he-goats.

41 How is Sheshach taken! and the praise
of the whole earth seized! how is Babylon be-
come a desolation among the nations! 42
The sea is come up upon Babylon; she is cov-
ered with the multitude of the waves thereof.
43 Her cities are become a desolation, a dry
land, and a desert, a land wherein no man
dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass
thereby. 44 And I will execute judgment
upon Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth
out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed
up; and the nations shall not flow any more
unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

45 My people, go ye out of the midst of her,
and save yourselves every man from the fierce
anger of Jehovah. 46 And let not your heart
faint, neither fear ye for the tidings that shall
be heard in the land; for tidings shall come
one year, and after that in another year *shall
come* tidings, and violence in the land, ruler
against ruler. 47 Therefore, behold, the days
come, that I will execute judgment upon the
graven images of Babylon; and her whole land

shall be confounded; and all her slain shall
fall in the midst of her. 48 Then the heavens
and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing
for joy over Babylon; for the destroyers shall
come unto her from the north, saith Jehovah.
49 As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel
to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all
the land.

50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go ye,
stand not still; remember Jehovah from afar,
and let Jerusalem come into your mind. 51
We are confounded, because we have heard re-
proach; confusion hath covered our faces: for
strangers are come into the sanctuaries of Je-
hovah's house. 52 Wherefore, behold, the
days come, saith Jehovah, that I will execute
judgment upon her graven images; and
through all her land the wounded shall groan.
53 Though Babylon should mount up to
heaven, and though she should fortify the
height of her strength, yet from me shall de-
stroyers come unto her, saith Jehovah.

54 The sound of a cry from Babylon, and
of great destruction from the land of the Chal-
deans! 55 For Jehovah layeth Babylon
waste, and destroyeth out of her the great
voice; and their waves roar like many waters;
the noise of their voice is uttered: 56 for the
destroyer is come upon her, even upon Baby-

lon, and her mighty men are taken, their bows
are broken in pieces; for Jehovah is a God of
recompenses, he will surely requite. 57 And
I will make drunk her princes and her wise
men, her governors and her deputies, and her
mighty men; and they shall sleep a perpetual
sleep, and not wake, saith the King whose name
is Jehovah of hosts. 58 Thus saith Jehovah
of hosts: The broad walls of Babylon shall be
utterly overthrown, and her high gates shall
be burned with fire; and the peoples shall la-
bor for vanity, and the nations for the fire;
and they shall be weary.

59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet
commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son
of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the
king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year
of his reign. Now Seraiah was chief cham-
berlain. 60 And Jeremiah wrote in a book
all the evil that should come upon Babylon,
even all these words that are written concern-
ing Babylon. 61 And Jeremiah said to
Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, then
see that thou read all these words, 62 and say,
O Jehovah, thou hast spoken concerning this
place, to cut it off, that none shall dwell
therein, neither man nor beast, but that it shall
be desolate for ever. 63 And it shall be, when

thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates: 64 and thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise again because of the evil that I will bring upon her; and they shall be weary.

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

CHAPTER LII

ZEDEKIAH was one and twenty years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 3 For through the anger of Jehovah did it come to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence.

And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. 4 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it round about. 5 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year

of king Zedekiah. 6 In the fourth month, in
the ninth day of the month, the famine was
sore in the city, so that there was no bread for
the people of the land. 7 Then a breach was
made in the city, and all the men of war fled,
and went forth out of the city by night by
the way of the gate between the two walls,
which was by the king's garden (now the Chal-
deans were against the city round about); and
they went toward the Arabah. 8 But the
army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king,
and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jeri-
cho; and all his army was scattered from him.
9 Then they took the king, and carried him
up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the
land of Hamath; and he gave judgment upon
him. 10 And the king of Babylon slew the
sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also
all the princes of Judah in Riblah. 11 And
he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king
of Babylon bound him in fetters, and carried
him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the
day of his death.

12 Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day
of the month, which was the nineteenth year
of king Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon,
came Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard,
who stood before the king of Babylon, into
Jerusalem. 13 And he burned the house of

Jehovah, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great house, burned he with fire. 14 And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about. 15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the poorest of the people, and the residue of the people that were left in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the multitude. 16 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vine-dressers and husbandmen.

17 And the pillars of brass that were in the house of Jehovah, and the bases and the brazen sea that were in the house of Jehovah, did the Chaldeans break in pieces, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon. 18 The pots also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. 19 And the cups, and the firepans, and the basins, and the pots, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the bowls—that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver,—the captain of the guard took away. 20 The two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve brazen bulls that were under the bases, which

king Solomon had made for the house of Jehovah—the brass of all these vessels was without weight. 21 And as for the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a line of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof was four fingers: it was hollow. 22 And a capital of brass was upon it; and the height of the one capital was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the capital round about, all of brass: and the second pillar also had like unto these, and pomegranates. 23 And there were ninety and six pomegranates on the sides; all the pomegranates were a hundred upon the network round about.

24 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold: 25 and out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war; and seven men of them that saw the king's face, that were found in the city; and the scribe of the captain of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and three-score men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city. 26 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. 27

And changed his prison-garments. And did eat bread before him continually all the days of his life.—lii-33.

And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land.

28 This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Jews and three and twenty; 29 in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons; 30 in the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

31 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiakim king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that *Evil-merodach* king of Babylon, in the *first* year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison; 32 and he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon, 33 and changed his prison garments. And *Jehoiakim* did eat bread before him continually all the days of

his life: 34 and for his allowance there was a
continual allowance given him by the king of
Babylon, every day a portion until the day of
his death, all the days of his life.

THE LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH

CHAPTER I

How doth the city sit solitary, that was
full of people! She is become as a widow,
that was great among the nations! She that
was a princess among the provinces is become
tributary!

2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her
tears are on her cheeks; Among all her lovers
she hath none to comfort her: All her friends
have dealt treacherously with her; they are be-
come her enemies.

3 Judah is gone into captivity because of
affliction, and because of great servitude; She
dwelleth among the nations, she findeth no
rest: All her persecutors overtook her within
the straits.

4 The ways of Zion do mourn, because none
come to the solemn assembly; All her gates
are desolate, her priests do sigh: Her virgins

are afflicted, and she herself is in bitterness.

5 Her adversaries are become the head, her enemies prosper; For Jehovah hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: Her young children are gone into captivity before the adversary.

6 And from the daughter of Zion all her majesty is departed: Her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, And they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

7 Jerusalem remembereth in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that were from the days of old: When her people fell into the hand of the adversary, and none did help her, The adversaries saw her, they did mock at her desolations.

8 Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is become as an unclean thing; All that honored her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: Yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.

9 Her filthiness was in her skirts; she remembered not her latter end; Therefore is she come down wonderfully; she hath no comforter: Behold, O Jehovah, my affliction; for the enemy hath magnified himself.

10 The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things: For she hath seen that the nations are entered into her sanctuary,

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Concerning whom thou didst command that they should not enter into thine assembly.

11 All her people sigh, they seek bread; They have given their pleasant things for food to refresh the soul: See, O Jehovah, and behold; for I am become abject.

12 Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is brought upon me, Wherewith Jehovah hath afflicted *me* in the day of his fierce anger.

13 From on high hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaileth against them; He hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back; He hath made me desolate and faint all the day.

14 The yoke of my trangression is bound by his hand; They are knit together, they are come up upon my neck; he hath made my strength to fail: The Lord hath delivered me into their hands, against whom I am not able to stand.

15 The Lord hath set at naught all my mighty men in the midst of me; He hath called a solemn assembly against me to crush my young men: The Lord hath trodden as in a winepress the virgin daughter of Judah.

16 For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water; Because the

comforter that should refresh my soul is far
from me: My children are desolate, because
the enemy hath prevailed.

17 Zion spreadeth forth her hands; there is
none to comfort her; Jehovah hath com-
manded concerning Jacob, that they that are
round about him should be his adversaries:
Jerusalem is among them as an unclean thing.

18 Jehovah is righteous; for I have rebelled
against his commandment: Hear, I pray you,
all ye peoples, and behold my sorrow: My
virgins and my young men are gone into cap-
tivity.

19 I called for my lovers, *but* they deceived
me: My priests and mine elders gave up the
ghost in the city, While they sought them food
to refresh their souls.

20 Behold, O Jehovah; for I am in dis-
tress; my heart is troubled; My heart is turned
within me; for I have grievously rebelled:
Abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is
as death.

21 They have heard that I sigh; there is
none to comfort me; All mine enemies have
heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou
hast done it: Thou wilt bring the day that
thou hast proclaimed, and they shall be like
unto me.

22 Let all their wickedness come before

thee; And do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: For my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

CHAPTER II

How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger! He hath cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, And hath not remembered his footstool in the day of his anger.

2 The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied: He hath thrown down in his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of Judah; He hath brought them down to the ground; he hath profaned the kingdom and the princes thereof.

3 He hath cut off in fierce anger all the horn of Israel; He hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy: And he hath burned up Jacob like a flaming fire, which devoureth round about.

4 He hath bent his bow like an enemy, he hath stood with his right hand as an adversary, And hath slain all that were pleasant to the eye: In the tent of the daughter of Zion he hath poured out his wrath like fire.

5 The Lord is become as an enemy, he hath

swallowed up Israel; He hath swallowed up
all her palaces, he hath destroyed his strong-
holds; And he hath multiplied in the daugh-
ter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

6 And he hath violently taken away his tab-
ernacle, as if it were of a garden; he hath de-
stroyed his place of assembly: Jehovah hath
caused solemn assembly and sabbath to be
forgotten in Zion, And hath despised in the
indignation of his anger the king and the
priest.

7 The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath
abhorred his sanctuary; He hath given up into
the hand of the enemy the walls of her pal-
aces: They have made a noise in the house of
Jehovah, as in the day of a solemn assembly.

8 Jehovah hath purposed to destroy the wall
of the daughter of Zion; He hath stretched
out the line, he hath not withdrawn his hand
from destroying: And he hath made the ram-
part and wall to lament; they languish to-
gether.

9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he
hath destroyed and broken her bars: Her king
and her princes are among the nations where
the law is not; Yea, her prophets find no vision
from Jehovah.

10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit
upon the ground, they keep silence; They have

cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: The virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

11 Mine eyes do fail with tears, my heart is troubled; My liver is poured upon the earth, because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, Because the young children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city.

12 They say to their mothers, Where is grain and wine? When they swoon as the wounded in the streets of the city, When their soul is poured out into their mothers' bosom.

13 What shall I testify unto thee? what shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I compare to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? For thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee?

14 Thy prophets have seen for thee false and foolish visions; And they have not uncovered thine iniquity, to bring back thy captivity, But have seen for thee false oracles and causes of banishment.

15 All that pass by clap their hands at thee; They hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, *saying,* Is this the city that men called The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?

16 All thine enemies have opened their mouth wide against thee; They hiss and gnash the teeth; they say, We have swallowed her up; Certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it.

17 Jehovah hath done that which he purposed; he hath fulfilled his word that he commanded in the days of old; He hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: And he hath caused the enemy to rejoice over thee; he hath exalted the horn of thine adversaries.

18 Their heart cried unto the Lord: O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night; Give thyself no respite; let not the apple of thine eye cease.

19 Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches; Pour out thy heart like water before the face of the Lord: Lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger at the head of every street.

20 See, O Jehovah, and behold to whom thou hast done thus! Shall the women eat their fruit, the children that are dandled in the hands? Shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?

21 The youth and the old man lie on the ground in the streets; My virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword: Thou hast

slain them in the day of thine anger; thou hast slaughtered, *and* not pitied.

22 Thou hast called, as in the day of a solemn assembly, my terrors on every side; And there was none that escaped or remained in the day of Jehovah's anger: Those that I have dandled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

CHAPTER III

I AM the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

2 He hath led me and caused me to walk in darkness, and not in light.

3 Surely against me he turneth his hand again and again all the day.

4 My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones.

5 He hath builded against me, and compassed me with gall and travail.

6 He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as those that have been long dead.

7 He hath walled me about, that I cannot go forth; he hath made my chain heavy.

8 Yea, when I cry, and call for help, he shutteth out my prayer.

9 He hath walled up my ways with hewn stone; he hath made my paths crooked.

10 He is unto me as a bear lying in wait,
as a lion in secret places.
11 He hath turned aside my ways, and
pulled me in pieces; he hath made me desolate.
12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a
mark for the arrow.
13 He hath caused the shafts of his quiver
to enter into my reins.
14 I am become a derision to all my peo-
ple, and their song all the day.
15 He hath filled me with bitterness, he
hath sated me with wormwood.
16 He hath also broken my teeth with
gravel stones; he hath covered me with ashes.
17 And thou hast removed my soul far off
from peace; I forgat prosperity.
18 And I said, My strength is perished,
and mine expectation from Jehovah.
19 Remember mine affliction and my mis-
ery, the wormwood and the gall.
20 My soul hath them still in remembrance,
and is bowed down within me.
21 This I recall to my mind; therefore have
I hope.
22 *It is of* Jehovah's lovingkindnesses that
we are not consumed, because his compassions
fail not.
23 They are new every morning; great is
thy faithfulness.

24 Jehovah is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

25 Jehovah is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

26 It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of Jehovah.

27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

28 Let him sit alone and keep silence, because he hath laid it upon him.

29 Let him put his mouth in the dust, if so be there may be hope.

30 Let him give his cheek to him that smiteth him; let him be filled full with reproach.

31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever.

32 For though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

33 For he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

34 To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth,

35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High,

36 To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approveth not.

37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?

38 Out of the mouth of the Most High cometh there not evil and good?

39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?

40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to Jehovah.

41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.

42 We have transgressed and have rebelled; thou hast not pardoned.

43 Thou hast covered with anger and pursued us; thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.

44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, so that no prayer can pass through.

45 Thou hast made us an offscouring and refuse in the midst of the peoples.

46 All our enemies have opened their mouth wide against us.

47 Fear and the pit are come upon us, devastation and destruction.

48 Mine eye runneth down with streams of water, for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

49 Mine eye poureth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission.

50 Till Jehovah look down, and behold from heaven.

51 Mine eye affecteth my soul, because of all the daughters of my city.

52 They have chased me sore like a bird, they that are mine enemies without cause.

53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and have cast a stone upon me.

54 Waters flowed over my head; I said, I am cut off.

55 I called upon thy name, O Jehovah, out of the lowest dungeon.

56 Thou heardest my voice; hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.

57 Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee; thou saidst, Fear not.

58 O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.

59 O Jehovah, thou hast seen my wrong; judge thou my cause.

60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance and all their devices against me.

61 Thou hast heard their reproach, O Jehovah, and all their devices against me.

62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.

63 Behold thou their sitting down, and their rising up; I am their song.

64 Thou wilt render unto them a recompense, O Jehovah, according to the work of their hands.

65 Thou wilt give them hardness of heart, thy curse unto them.

66 Thou wilt pursue them in anger, and destroy them from under the heavens of Jehovah.

CHAPTER IV

How is the gold become dim! *how* is the most pure gold changed! The stones of the sanctuary are poured out at the head of every street.

2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, How are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

3 Even the jackals draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: The daughter of my pepole is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

4 The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: The young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them.

5 They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: They that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

6 For the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the sin of Sodom, That was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands were laid upon her.

7 Her nobles were purer than snow, they

were whiter than milk; They were more ruddy
in body than rubies, their polishing was as
of sapphire.

8 Their visage is blacker than a coal; they
are not known in the streets: Their skin
cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is
become like a stick.

9 They that are slain with the sword are
better than they that are slain with hunger;
For these pine away, stricken through, for
want of the fruits of the field.

10 The hands of the pitiful women have
boiled their own children; They were their
food in the destruction of the daughter of my
people.

11 Jehovah hath accomplished his wrath,
he hath poured out his fierce anger; And he
hath kindled a fire in Zion, which hath de-
voured the foundations thereof.

12 The kings of the earth believed not,
neither all the inhabitants of the world, That
the adversary and the enemy would enter into
the gates of Jerusalem.

13 *It is* because of the sins of her prophets,
and the iniquities of her priests, They have
shed the blood of the just in the midst of her.

14 They wander as blind men in the streets,
they are polluted with blood, So that men can-
not touch their garments.

15 Depart ye, they cried unto them, Unclean! depart, depart, touch not! When they fled away and wandered, men said among the nations, They shall no more sojourn *here.*

16 The anger of Jehovah hath scattered them; he will no more regard them: They respected not the persons of the priests, they favored not the elders.

17 Our eyes do yet fail *in looking* for our vain help: In our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save.

18 They hunt our steps, so that we cannot go in our streets: Our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.

19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the heavens: They chased us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of Jehovah, was taken in their pits; Of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the nations.

21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz: The cup shall pass through unto thee also; thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.

22 The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no

more carry thee away into captivity: He will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will uncover thy sins.

CHAPTER V

REMEMBER, O Jehovah, what is come upon us: Behold, and see our reproach.

2 Our inheritance is turned unto strangers, Our houses unto aliens.

3 We are orphans and fatherless; Our mothers are as widows.

4 We have drunken our water for money; Our wood is sold unto us.

5 Our pursuers are upon our necks: We are weary, and have no rest.

6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians, And to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

7 Our fathers sinned, and are not; And we have borne their iniquities.

8 Servants rule over us: There is none to deliver us out of their hand.

9 We get our bread at the peril of our lives, Because of the sword of the wilderness.

10 Our skin is black like an oven, Because of the burning heat of famine.

11 They ravished the women in Zion, The virgins in the city of Judah.

12 Princes were hanged up by their hand:
The faces of elders were not honored.
13 The young men bare the mill; And the
children stumbled under the wood.
14 The elders have ceased from the gate,
The young men from their music.
15 The joy of our heart is ceased; Our dance
is turned into mourning.
16 The crown is fallen from our head: Woe
unto us! for we have sinned.
17 For this our heart is faint; For these
things our eyes are dim;
18 For the mountain of Zion, which is deso-
late: The foxes walk upon it.
19 Thou, O Jehovah, abidest for ever; Thy
throne is from generation to generation.
20 Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever,
And forsake us so long time?
21 Turn thou us unto thee, O Jehovah, and
we shall be turned; Renew our days as of old.
22 But thou hast utterly rejected us; Thou
art very wroth against us.

THE END